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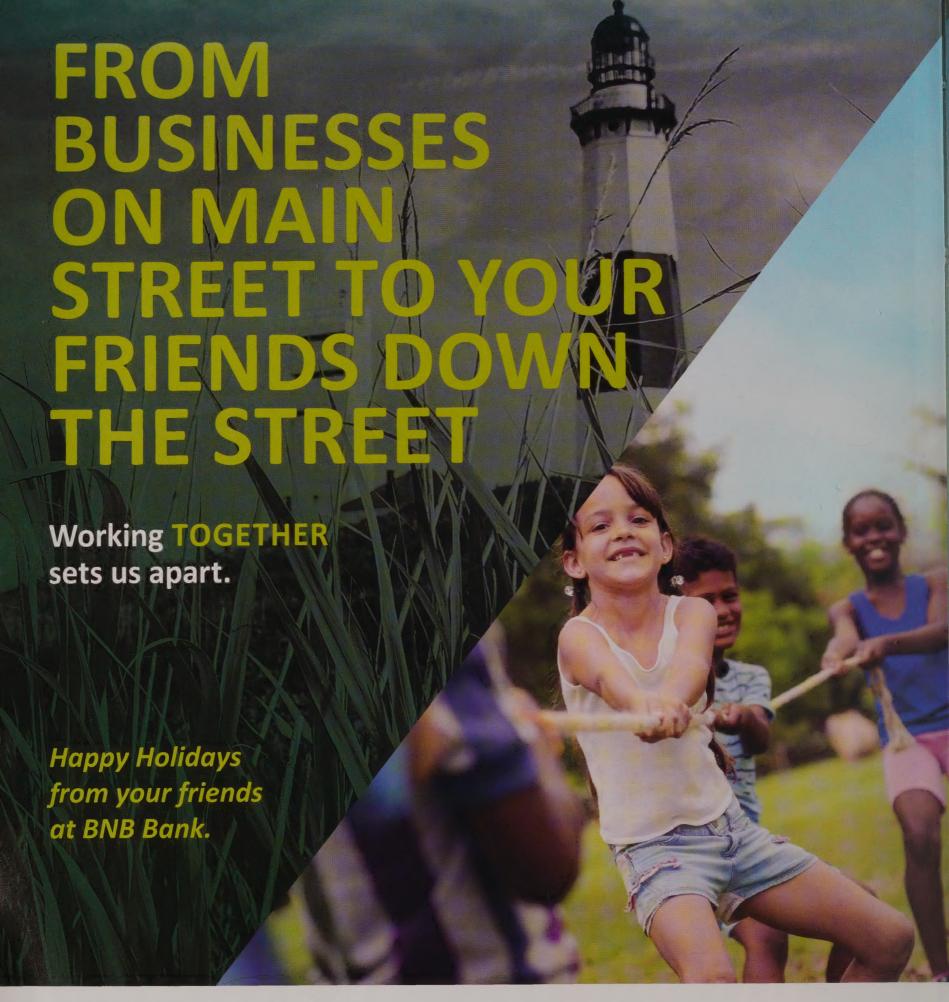
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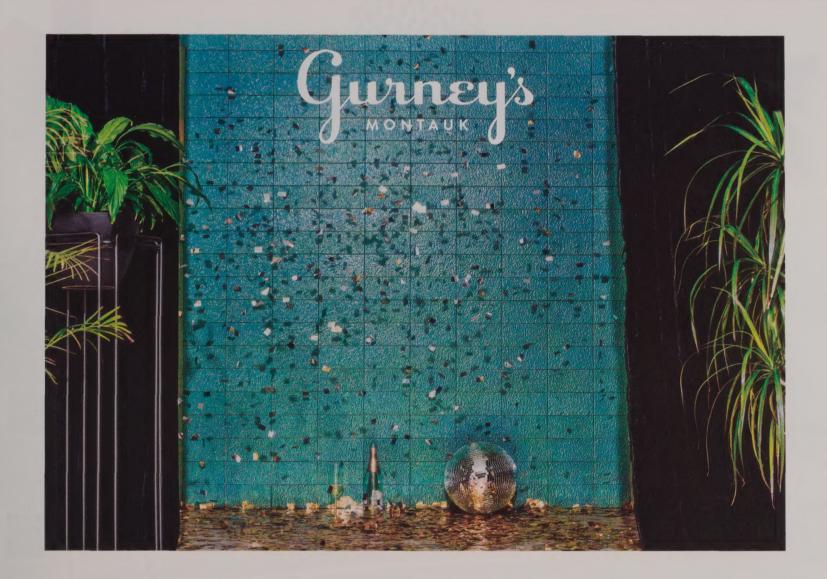




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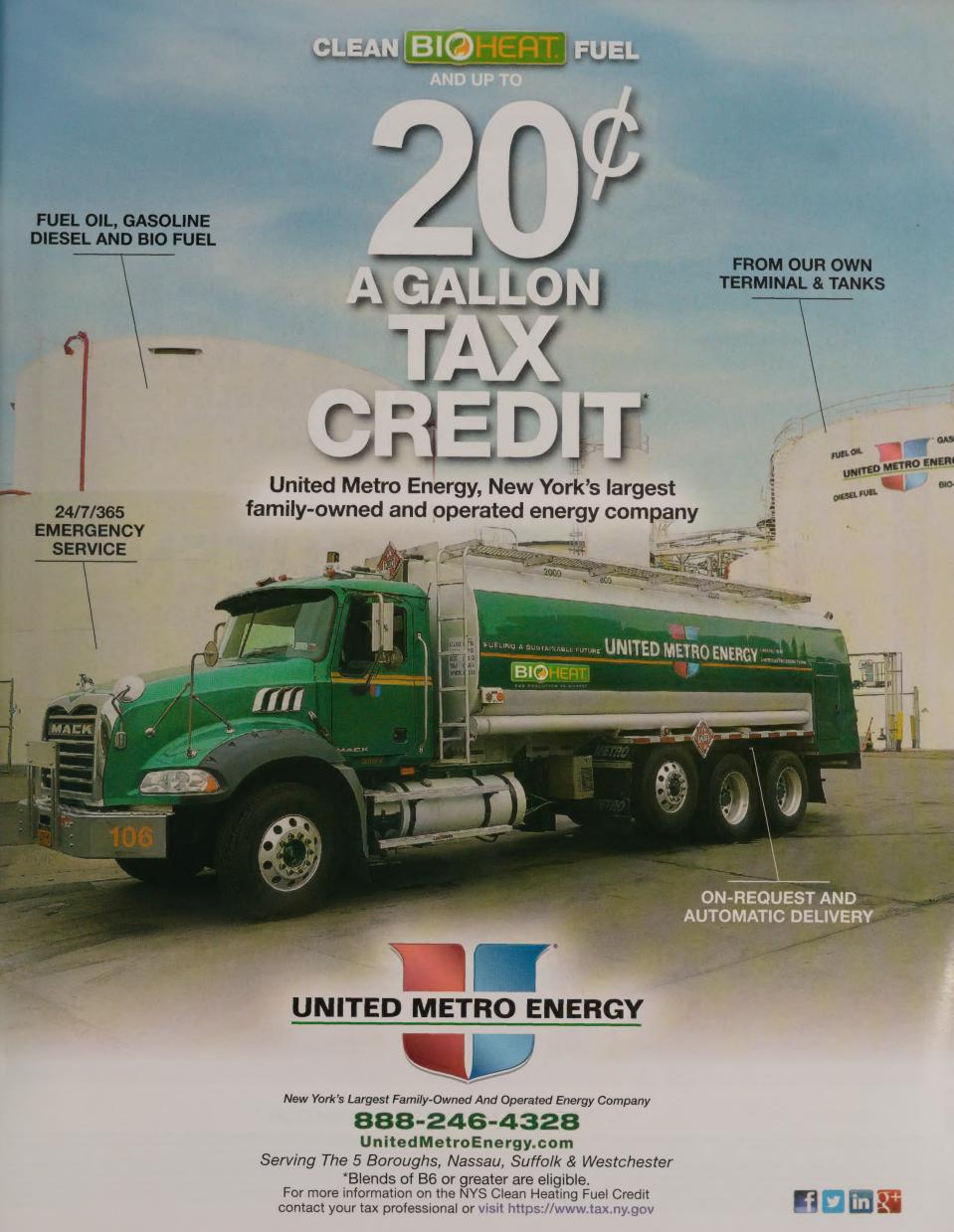


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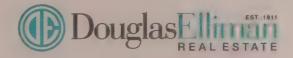
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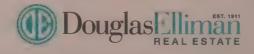


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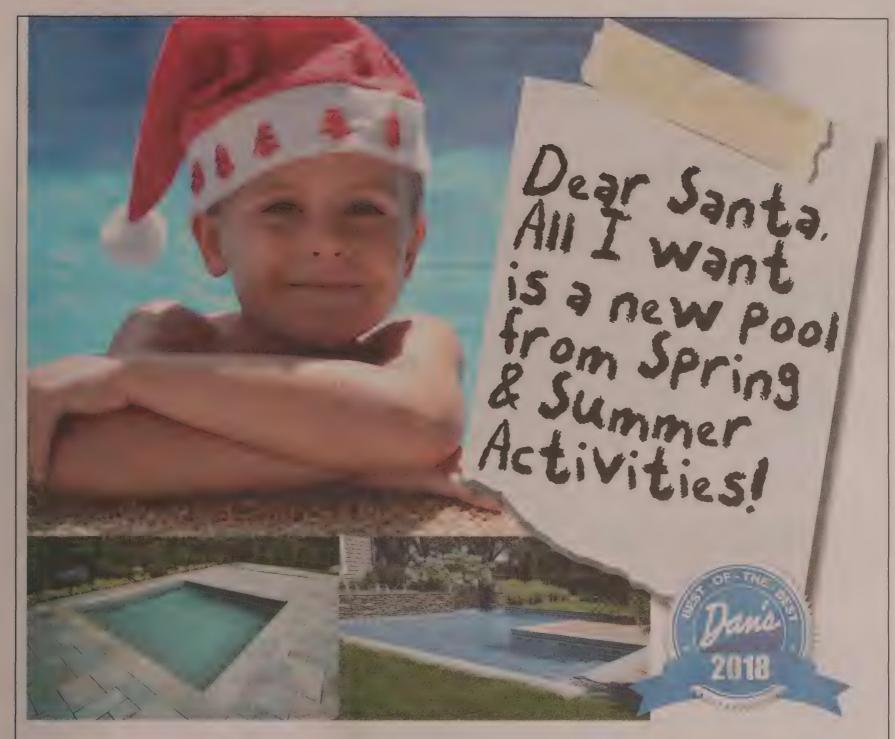
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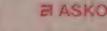
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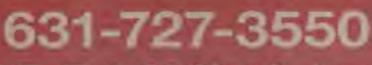
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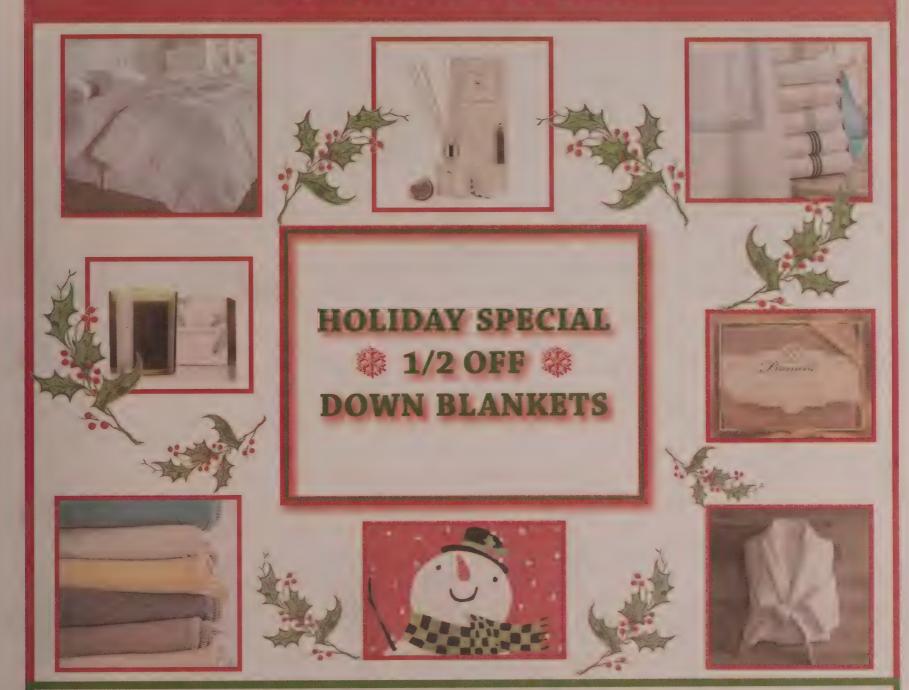
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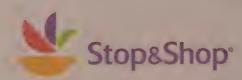


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Rosalie Dimon Gallery 370 Manor Lane, Jamesport 631-722-0500, jamesportmanor.com



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Southampton Arts Center 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton 631-283-0967, southamptonartscenter.org



NATURE WALK AT MORTON WILDLIFE REFUGE DECEMBER 22, 10 A.M.

Join the South Fork Natural History Museum for a refreshing walk through the Morton Wildlife Refuge in Noyack. This nature preserve is full of diverse animals and plants, which can be seen even during the colder months. Families and individuals will observe winter birds and learn how to identify several types of trees—with or without leaves. Registration is \$15 and includes admission to the museum, kids \$10.

Morton Wildlife Refuge Register for location 631-537-9735, sofo.org



ARF'S WINTER WONDERLAND DECEMBER 22, 11 A.M.-4 P.M.

Join the Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons (ARF) for a cat and dog holiday adoption expo at PetSmart Lake Grove. All animals—mutts, purebreds, kittens and puppies—are neutered, micro-chipped and vaccinated. If you already have a dog, be sure to bring them to meet their potential new family member. Free admission, adoption fees apply.

PetSmart Lake Grove 3050 Middle Country Road, Nesconset 631-537-0400 ext. 203, arfhamptons.org



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The Hamptons International Film Festival (HIFF) presents a special screening of *Maria by Callas*. Culled from a treasure trove of archival footage, interviews, rare live footage and personal Super 8 recordings, director Tom Volf creates a loving portrait of Callas through her own words, never losing sight of the woman behind the operatic voice. Tickets are \$15.

Guild Hall 158 Main Street, East Hampton 631-324-0806, guildhall.org



ROGERS MANSION BY CANDLELIGHT DECEMBER 29, 4 P.M.

Celebrate the holidays with a candlelight reception at the Southampton History Museum's Rogers Mansion. The various rooms will be festooned with colorful holiday decorations, Christmas trees and garlands of fresh wintergreens and flowers. Families can enjoy tasty light refreshments before or after their festive, self-guided tour. Tickets are \$10.

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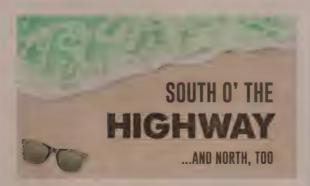
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Sag Harbor's **Billy Joel** will spend his 70th birthday doing what he loves: working. The beloved "Piano Man" has scheduled the 64th show of his record-breaking Madison Square Garden residency for May 9, his birthday. He previously celebrated his 65th birthday with a Madison Square Garden concert, during which Southampton's **Howard Stern** announced that Joel should continue his residency "for the rest of his life and then some." Tickets for the May 9 show go on sale December 21.

Hamptons regulars **Bill** and **Hillary Clinton** are currently on a 13-city speaking tour that includes a stop at New York City's Beacon Theatre in April.

East Hampton's Alec Baldwin hosted the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights for Hope Awards gala in New York City last week. The event raised more than \$6 million and honored former President Barack Obama, who was presented with an award by Kerry Kennedy.

Last week Southampton designer Tory Burch named longtime LVMH executive, and Burch's new husband, Pierre-Yves Roussel chief executive of her namesake business, effective in the new year.



Bridgehampton resident
Sarah Jessica Parker
was honored at the
New York Women
in Film & Television
Muse Awards gala
luncheon last Thursday.
Celebrated for her work
supporting women in the
entertainment industry,
Parker said during her
acceptance speech, "As
we continue the exciting

conversation about inclusion, diversity, and representation, I find it particularly meaningful... to join you all today and to pledge to stand alongside shoulder to shoulder as we help forge a wider path so that women from all backgrounds can help us tell everybody's story."

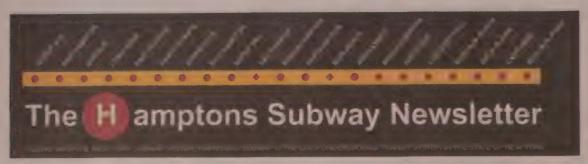
On the small screens: East Hampton funnyman **Jerry Seinfeld** is executive producing a new sketch show. Stand Up and Away! with Brian Regan, a four-episode series featuring stand-up and audience interaction, premieres Christmas Eve on Netflix. Of his involvement, Seinfeld told Sagaponack's **Jimmy Fallon** on a recent Tonight Show appearance, "I always wanted Brian Regan to have CONTINUED ON PAGE 48











BY DAN RATTINER

Week of December 21–27, 2018 Riders this past week: 31,922 Rider miles this past week: 91,412

DOWN IN THE TUBE

Christie Brinkley, JLo, Bethenny Frankel, Scarlett Johansson and Julianne Moore were seen riding the Hamptons Subway together last Friday evening, wearing elf costumes and singing Christmas songs to the crowds lugging their Christmas packages on the main line all the way from Westhampton Beach to Amagansett. Way to go ladies.

SANTA WILL ARRIVE ATOP OUR BUILDING

Spotlights have been set up on the lawn at the Hamptons Subway building on Ponquogue Avenue in Hamptons Bays to shine on the roof deck four stories up on Christmas Eve. The chimney has been cleaned by workmen with brooms, there's a forest of Christmas trees up there and, when the time comes at 3:35 a.m. on Christmas morning, the helicopter will arrive

with Santa. If you want to stay up to watch his arrival, just tune in to channel 56 on your TV or drive over and park on the street with the motor running to keep warm out front at that hour. There will be plenty of parking at that time. Santa will hop out of the chopper, and with the carolers singing "Oh Holy Night," carry his large bag full of presents for all our employees to the chimney, climb inside and I'm sure all you newsletter readers are going to want to see this. It will be all over up there by 4 a.m. when the chopper takes Santa away and you will have plenty of time to return home to climb into bed for the remainder of that long winter night before everything happens first thing in the morning.

PRIZES AWARDED

Commissioner Aspinall has toured all 14 platforms, each one decorated by its local community to win the three prizes for free subway swipe cards for one week. And the winner is: Southampton for their accurate reproduction of "Away in a Manger" with the live sheep and Mary and Joseph and their little one right inside the

turnstiles, which are covered with pine needle branches to simulate a fence that separates the manger and the inn, where they weren't allowed to stay for the night. Second prize went to Westhampton Beach, the winner in the Chanukah Category for their construction of the 20-foot-tall dreidel and menorah robots that dance together to "Hava Nageela" played over and over again by the Westhampton Beach Community Band. And third prize went to the Nineveh section of Sag Harbor, which reproduced a Kwanzaa scene with everybody shaking hands and exchanging gifts. All these winning entries, together with the remaining 11 losing community entries, will stay up until December 28, when, finally, they will be taken down for the big New Year's Eve party we hold every year in the tunnels between all the stations.

All this is quite a show as you can imagine, and we are proud to announce that through it all, at least at this writing, there has not been one single train late or in an accident at any station. The motormen elves are very, very focused on their jobs during this time of year as you can imagine.

COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE

As I do every year, I will be dressing myself up as Santa Claus and giving out candy canes and jelly beans as I make random appearances at each of our 14 platforms during the next few days. Merry Christmas everybody. And I do have to report that I had to lose 10 pounds to be able to pull up the zipper on my Santa suit this year. Thanksgiving dinner was the cause.

&Police BLOTTER

COMPILED BY DANIEL KOONTZ

SNUBBING SHRUBBERY NOT A CRIME

The Hamptons Police are hoping to capture the public's attention as they seek to clarify the law regarding the treatment of shrubbery in cold weather in the Hamptons. Their recent public relations actions have been precipitated by what the police describe as an "onslaught" of calls from angry residents. "As the weather has gotten colder, our switchboard has been inundated," says Hamptons Police spokesman Larry Hirsch. "There's a lot of misinformation out there."

Hirsch says that the callers seem convinced

that it is illegal for property owners to leave their shrubbery unclothed during the winter months. "They call us with names and addresses of their neighbors who haven't encased their shrubs with burlap. They seem to think that it's unlawful to leave the shrubs exposed to the elements." The police, says Hirsch, have found it difficult to convince the callers that it is in no way required by law that shrubbery be clothed. "The burlap wrapping that you see is just a choice some homeowners have made," says Hirsch. "Until the law changes, we have no way of forcing anyone to wrap their shrubs."

Hirsch points out that the confusion could be the result of deliberate misinformation campaigns being waged by lawn care companies seeking to trick homeowners into contracting for expensive and unnecessary services. "There appears to be a lot of 'fake news' out there about preventing cruelty to ornamental trees and bushes," notes Hirsch. "If the goal is to generate a mistaken impression that shrubbery wrapping is mandatory, it's working. But, just to be very clear, you don't have to do it. And it's certainly

not police business whether you do or don't."

The police's public relations initiative has upset some members of the community, who decry what they see as a cavalier attitude toward shrubbery. Hazel Wilkinson, of the East Hampton Bush Lovers League (BLL), confronted Hirsch at a recent talkback. "Who are we to say that trees and bushes can't feel cold and pain?" Wilkinson asked Hirsch. "We think it's a disgrace and shameful when we see so many small, defenseless living things just left to freeze in the snow and ice. They get blown about, they're weighed down by heavy snow. And then, if they lose their desirable shapes because of it, nine times out of 10 the homeowner will just cut them down in the spring like so much brush. If there isn't a law against that, there damn well ought to be!"

Wilkinson says that the BLL is planning to lobby local governments to require the wrapping of shrubs. Until then, she is trying to appeal to the holiday spirit: "It's the season—remember the bushes!"

Read more Hamptons Police Blotter on DansPapers.com.





host, Helen McGuire, John Womag

4. Jackie Cobb serves customers with a holiday smile

5. Peter Chmiel shows off his red-nosed



Ugly Sweater Karaoke Party

The holiday spirit was "lit" on Saturday, December 15 when The Springs Tavern and The Divas Karaoke hosted a colorful and creative Ugly Christmas Sweater contest. Competitors and spectators enjoyed delish food, the singing of favorite Christmas karaoke tunes and dancing. First place winner Todd McMullen went home with a \$100 gift card, while second place winner Marc Crockett had a gift basket under his (ugly-sweatered) arm.

Photographs by Carole Blankman Ginsburg

Southampton Animal Shelter Winter Fair

The Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation expanded its annual pet-photos-with-Santa event to include a craft sale at their first Winter Fair, held on December 8 in Hampton Bays. Amid a bevy of local vendors, St. Nick welcomed friends and families to take a special photo with their pets before visiting the animals available for adoption.

Photographs by Barbara Lassen









Rosenthal poses with Santa 2. Katie McEntee, Director of Adoptions and Fosters, with adorable pups Cassie and Elsa—both available

3. Boo and Buffy with Santa 4. Lorraine Maresca of Kitty Art

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Santa's First Letter

A Christmas Fable to be Read to the Children of the Hamptons



BY DAN RATTINER

E arly that morning, six days before Christmas, grandfather wandered into the kitchen to make himself a cup of tea. In the kitchen was his seven-year-old grandson, sitting at the table, writing a letter.

"Let me guess," grandfather said. "You're writing a letter to Santa Claus."

"Yup. I want the new Spider-Man PlayStation game."

"Have you been good?"

"Yup."

"You know, until I was 10 years old, I couldn't write a letter to Santa Claus."

"You didn't know how to write?"

"I could write. But there was no mail

to the North Pole. Back then, before cars and busses and trains, it was too far away and the snow was too deep for the horses of the Pony Express to get through."

"I've heard of the Pony Express."

"They never did get through. But then, when I was 10 years old, mail delivery did start to the North Pole. By balloon."

"How did that happen?"

"That, young man, is a very long story. But if you'd like to hear it, I'll just finish brewing this pot of tea and I'll sit down and tell it to you."

* * *

We lived on a farm on Steven Hand's Path in East Hampton back then.

Everything was farms, and we had neighbors who raised cows and other neighbors who raised sheep, and my dad, he raised goats and chickens, so we always had eggs—scrambled eggs every morning—and we had goat milk. Did you ever taste goat's milk? No? Well, you're not missing anything. And of course, we each had horses. My dad had a horse, and my mom, too, and my sister Edith—you know your Great Aunt Edith, she had a horse, and so did I, and his name was Pal.

That year, I wanted a bicycle real bad. They had just been invented, bicycles, and they had a picture of one in the big thick Sears Catalog we got that September, and I had never seen anything like it. So I told my



very interested.

"Looks dangerous," my mother said.

"No, it's not," I said. "Look here, it says so right in the catalogue. A PERFECT GIFT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS OF ALL AGES."

My father looked up from the a surprise to me. newspaper he was reading.

"You know, mother, this is the first time this boy has actually asked for something for Christmas. His sister makes whole lists. He just takes whatever he gets. We shouldn't discourage the boy."

"Well, son," my mother said, "you put it down on a piece of paper and I'll see what I can do." She turned and started to walk away. "But I wouldn't count on it."

The way she said I shouldn't count on it, I knew that was the end of it. So I said, "Why don't we put it in an envelope and give it to the Pony Express man to deliver to the North Pole."

"There is no mail delivery to the I had to do was dress warm. I went to

throat. "Too much snow. Horses can't get through."

You know how when you're a kid you learn new things every day? Well, that was the first I'd ever heard that Santa Claus didn't get mail. It certainly was

That night, I lay in bed in the dark, wondering, if Santa Claus never got mail, then how did the lists of things that little boys and girls wanted, like the lists my sister made, ever get to him? I concluded that they did not. And I decided there ought to be a first time. I really wanted that bicycle. And so, I would write a letter and somehow, some way, I would deliver it to him. It couldn't be THAT far.

I got out of bed, lit a candle on the table in my room and wrote Santa Claus about the bicycle. It was late at night and everyone was asleep. There in the quiet and the dark I thought, Why not deliver that letter right now?

I opened the window and the cold My father ruffled the newspaper. blew in. But it didn't seem too bad. All

parents about it. They didn't seem North Pole," he said. He cleared his my closet and I put on my warmest clothes, layer upon layer, just like I was going ice skating, then I put on my heavy boots and I climbed out the bedroom window and down the drain pipe.

> There was no moon at all that night, but there were a million stars to light the snowy landscape. I trudged quietly through the snow to the barn.

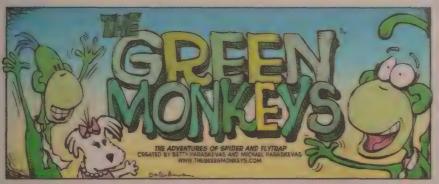
> Well, Pal wasn't asleep, either. I think he must have heard me coming, because when I opened the barn door, there he was, standing right there. He pawed the ground and snorted white steam as I came in, and he let out a whinny.

"Easy, boy," I whispered.

After he calmed down a bit, I put the saddle on him. Then I climbed aboard. And so we headed out, first at a slow walk, but then as I got farther and farther from the barn, up to a trot, then a cantor and finally, for a while, a full gallop, just because Pal seemed to feel like it. Then we slowed down again. We had a long way to go.

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down Stephen Hand's Path and then along the Montauk Highway. They did call it a highway then, though it was just a big dirt track, and soon we had gone through Southampton and Westhampton Beach and Patchogue and all the way to the west end of the island, and then we stopped.

In front of me was the great expanse of the East River. No bridges crossed this river back then, but there were ferryboats all the time. What I had forgotten was that in the middle of the night, they weren't running. I felt very discouraged for a while, and I thought, well, I guess this is the end of it.

Pal and I paced back and forth there along the shore. And then I got an idea. The whole river was frozen over. You could see this one place where an icebreaker had come in and had opened a passage for the ferry between the dock on Long Island and the dock on Manhattan. But for the rest, there was just the ice.

"You stay here, boy," I said to Pal. "This ice is too thin for you."

The thing was, I was worried it was also too thin for me. What if I fell in? I tethered Pal to a tree. Then I took down the rope coiled on the saddle, and Pal and I had a long talk.

"I'm going to tie one end of this rope

around my waist," I told him. "And I'm going to tie the other end to your saddle. Keep an eye out. Anything happens to me, I fall through the ice or anything, give this rope a pull."

Pal whinnied.

And so it was that I started across the ice. It was a long walk, and the ice creaked and groaned, and then it made a loud cracking noise. I stopped. On the shore, Pal whinnied and grabbed the rope in his teeth. But the cracking stopped.

"It's okay," I shouted. Pal dropped the rope, and I continued on.

In about 20 minutes, I made it all the way across the ice. When I finally stepped on a snow bank on the Manhattan shore, I heaved a big sigh of relief. Then I untied the rope from my waist and I dropped it to the ground. I'd need it for my return.

There were no skyscrapers in Manhattan back then. There were a lot of small wooden buildings, some three and four stories high, and some of them had white smoke curling from their chimneys from the fires keeping the houses warm inside.

I walked through the dirt roads of town. I'd seen pictures of this place, but I'd never actually been in it. I kept looking around everywhere. On one street corner, there was an Indian lying on a blanket, fast asleep. On another street corner there was a policeman in a blue uniform with silver buttons. He rocked back and forth on his heels. I waved to him. He waved back.

The streets were all lit, even in the night, by big lanterns hanging high from wooden poles up and down every street. I'd seen gas lanterns before, but I'd never seen lanterns lit all night. It made me wonder where they got all that whale oil from. And if they really needed to keep those lanterns lit all night.

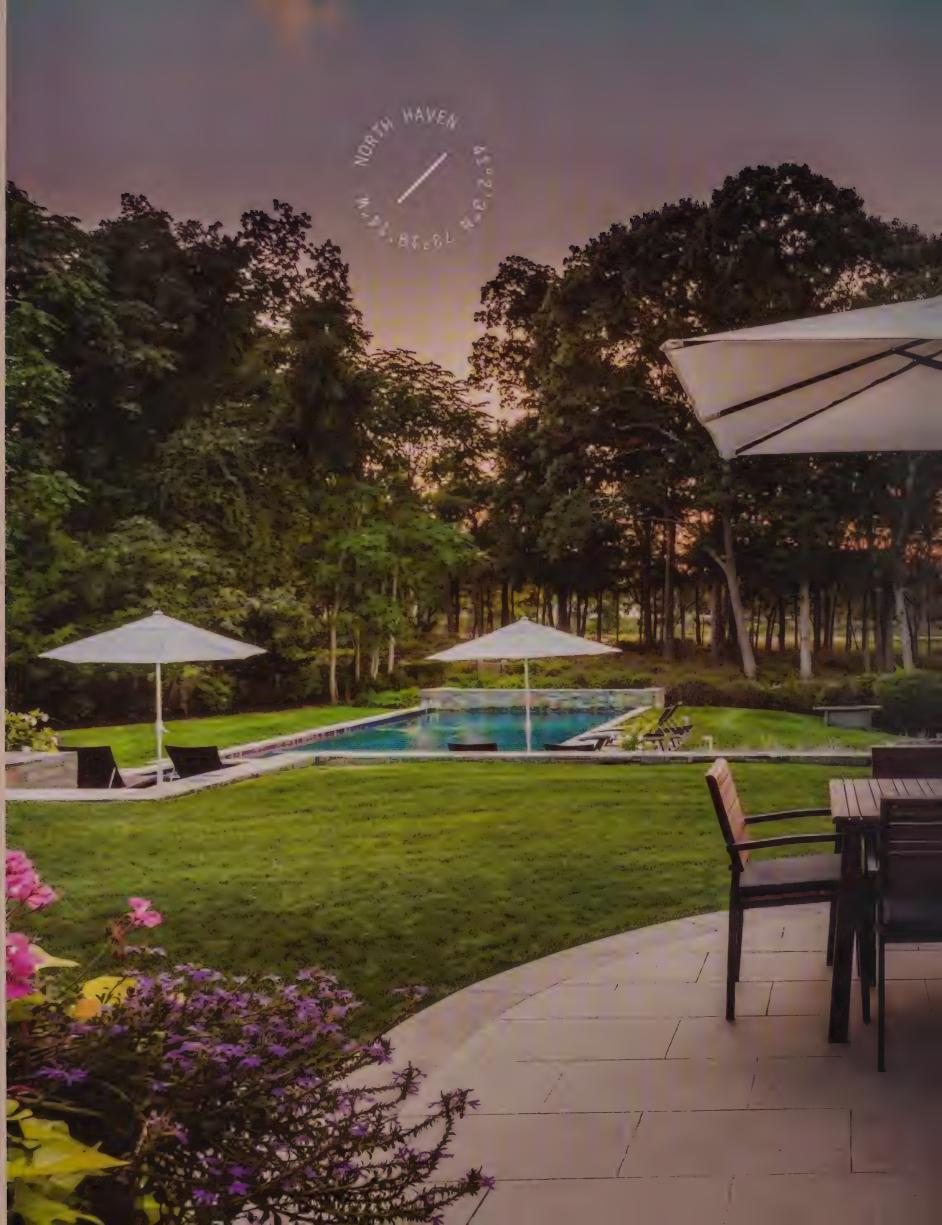
And then, up in a field that had a wooden sign out front reading Central Park, I saw something I had never seen before. I rubbed my eyes. It was a big gas balloon. It must have been 60 feet tall and it was all painted up with stars and stripes and it kind of moved back and forth slowly in the wind. Ropes held down with sandbags kept the balloon tethered there.

Under the balloon was a big wicker basket, and there was this man, a little man with a black beard, standing in the basket, tinkering with some knobs and gauges.

I walked over. This absolutely frightened the daylights out of him.

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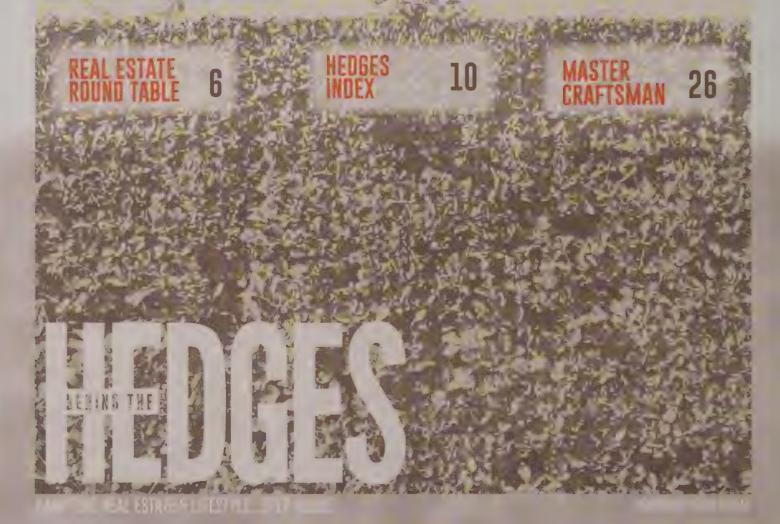


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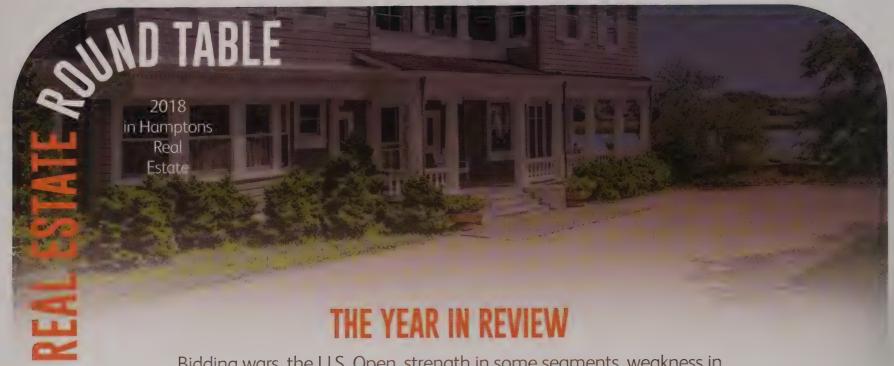
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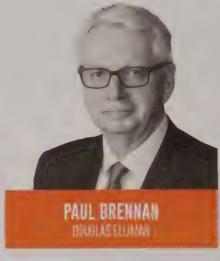
Bidding wars, the U.S. Open, strength in some segments, weakness in others. . . Our panel of local real estate experts dishes on their biggest surprise in 2018 and what they hope for in 2019.



The biggest surprise for me last year was my work doing rentals for the U.S. Open. I learned so much through the process. It was fascinating to learn how truly big of an organization the U.S.G.A. is and how much goes into the one-week event. I didn't realize how much work it really would end up being, but I was more than happy to do it. In 2019, I hope for continued success in my profession for myself and fellow agents, as well as continued health and well-being for my family and friends.



The biggest surprise for me was that Hampton sales weren't as robust as expected, despite all the money in the stock market. It feels like we transitioned from a seller's market to a buyer's market. My real estate crystal ball for 2019 shows an awesome year for everyone!



The biggest surprise was the confidence in the Hamptons market never materialized despite the very positive momentum in the stock market and the overall economy. Yes, there were a number of notable transactions, but no feeling of positive momentum. Let's hope 2019 turns "it will happen next quarter" into a first-quarter reality.



The biggest surprise for me was how fast my Sagaponack listing, 134 Narrow Lane, sold in a tough market, but it goes to show that special properties always garner attention. In 2019 I hope to do more deals like that with thoughtful owners and compelling properties!

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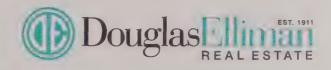
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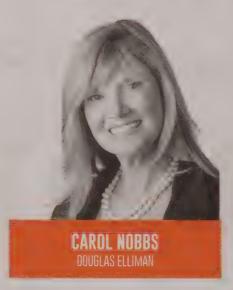
The biggest surprise in 2018: in the past, if the economy was robust, unemployment down, GDP up, bonuses good, it reflected well in our market. That wasn't the case this go-around. For the first time in close to 10 years, we are seeing a correction. I believe in the early part of 2019, we'll see the bottom and a return to normalcy. Now is a great time to buy.



Our biggest surprise for 2018 was how strong the year ended. It was the best fourth quarter in years. I'm looking forward to all of 2019 since I believe we will see a diversification into hard assets, of which real estate is number one—and it's one you can live in!



My biggest surprise was to have four bidding wars this year, from a \$2.2 million listing all the way up to over \$20 million. It showed me that regardless of the doom-and-gloom prophesiers these days, there are serious, motivated buyers who are not afraid of engaging when they see what they want in the Hamptons.



The biggest surprise for me in 2018 was how quickly technological innovation changed the way customers look for inventory and ultimately purchase. Two more trends: baby boomers are downsizing—selling their houses and renting. Also, the online presence of agents changed; they're doing their own branding and also advertising their exclusives on the internet. All of the above have been in play for a while, but in 2018 they went into full effect!

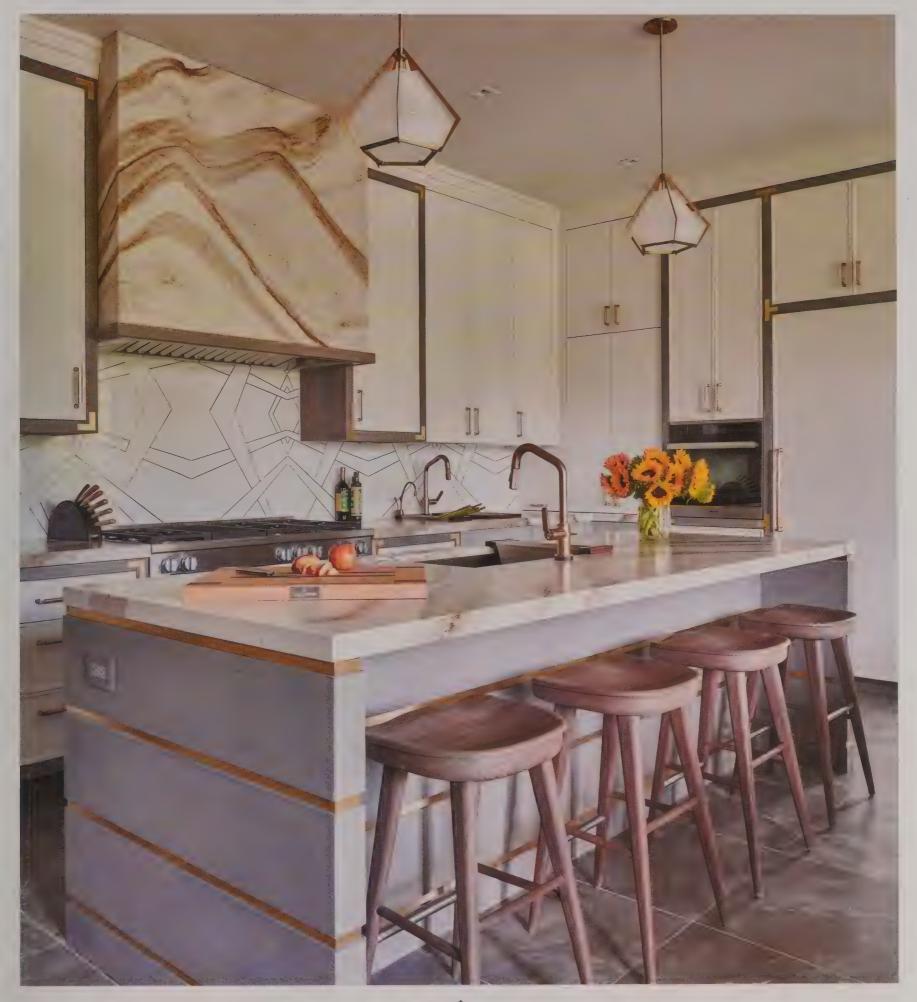


Every day is a big surprise in real estate! If I had to pick, though, I would have to say my biggest surprise would have been a waterfront listing that I sold this past year in Southold. This particular piece was truly a once-in-a-lifetime offering. It was a truly magical spot: a hilltop home with a grandfathered boathouse, dock, beach and magnificent unobstructed views of Peconic Bay. The property ended up closing for well over ask. Needless to say, my clients were more than pleasantly surprised, and they were wonderful to work with, as well!

As for my hopes in 2019, I am confident that in my seventh year with Corcoran, I will continue to grow my business. That being said, each year I only hope to at least match, if not exceed, my personal business from the prior year. Anything more to me is an absolute bonus!



The biggest surprise was how hot the market was on the lower end, and how so many amazing homes in the \$3 million to \$5 million range sat unsold. Some oceanfront properties that rarely come on the market not only sat, but were discounted.





SERVINE DOES INDEX

Asking price, 28-acre Christmas tree farm, Cutchogue \$2.5 million
Asking price, 20-acre vineyard, Mattituck \$1 million

Rental price, 160 Ox Pasture Road, Southampton, August-Labor Day 2019 \$17.88 per minute

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WHILE SOME WOULD SAY IT WAS AN OFF YEAR FOR HAMPTONS REAL ESTATE, THAT IS JUST IN COMPARISON TO PAST YEARS. THINGS ARE NEVER DULL IN EAST END PROPERTY. WE SAW A FLAGSHIP PROPERTY SOLD, A STUNNING NEW FARM ASSEMBLED FROM OLD BUILDINGS, AND A STUNNING NEW HOME MEANT TO EVOKE AN OLD BARN. HAMPTONS REAL ESTATE MADE HEADLINES IN THE POLITICAL NEWS CYCLE, WHILE THE NORTH FORK SAW THE HIGHEST RESIDENTIAL SALE IN A DECADE. HERE'S TO THE YEAR THAT WAS . . .



TROPHY SALE OF THE YEAR: VILLA MARIA

Kudos to Bespoke Real Estate for brokering the sale no one else could manage.

The lovely house and beautiful property with the lousy location finally sold this year after a whopping 10 years on and off the market. The beautiful c. 1919 estate includes a 20,000 square foot principal residence; there's also a gatehouse, guest house, carriage house, tennis and pool. The house, which used to be a retreat for nuns, was purchased back in 2005 by Nine West founder Vince Camuto and wife for \$35 million. Then the Camutos put the house and the 15-acre spread through six years of total renovation.

The Camutos were asking \$100 million (a price "open to discussion") back in 2008. Other asking prices have been \$85 million, or \$67 million, or \$50 million with only seven acres included, all with different agents and agencies. With a last asking price of \$72 million, in February, two individual buyers paid a total of about \$49 million for the place. One buyer purchased the house and 11 acres for \$36 million, and another buyer purchased the remaining four acres for about \$13 million.

Why did it take so long? The estate is right on Montauk Highway in the spot with the worst traffic in the Hamptons. For the kind of money asked for the property, a buyer could get oceanfront. It was going to take a special buyer to fall in love and fork out with the cash, so of course it took a long time. Well done.

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BEST REBRANDING OF THE YEAR

To Gary DePersia, who renamed Tick Hall "Cavett's Cove." Tick Hall is a legendarily beautiful and magical estate, one of the Montauk Association houses built by McKim, Mead and White in 1882. But it's simply not an easy sale; last year, the property was put on the market by owner Dick Cavett asking \$62 million. It didn't trade. Now the property has been relisted at a much more realistic \$48.5 million, with Gary DePersia and Karen Kelley at Corcoran, and it's been renamed. We get it. Tick Hall is a pretty shivery name for most people (it was originally dubbed Tick Hall because of all the ticks visitors picked up in the garden), and using Cavett's name for the property reinforces the celebrity aspect. Until now, Cavett's Cove was simply the sandy ocean beach in front of the property. Cavett told Behind the Hedges last year, "There are bigger houses, and houses with more bells and whistles. But there is not a more magical place in all the world." We tend to agree—whatever it's named.

CRIME DOESN'T PAY AWARD

To Donald Trump's former campaign chairman Paul Manafort, who forfeited his rather nice Water Mill property after a plea deal admitting conspiracy against the U.S. and witness tampering. The 2.37-acre property includes a 5,500 square foot house, with 10 bedrooms and 6 bathrooms. There's a tennis court, pool, spa, pool house, basketball half court, formal gardens and a putting green.

Manafort's landscaper testified about caring for "one of the biggest ponds in the Hamptons" and a white-and-red flower bed by the driveway in the shape of an M. No word if the Feds are changing the flower bed to spell out U-S-A.

NOTABLE RENOVATION AWARD

To Mike and Kerry Gaynor, who renovated and then sold a beautiful horse farm on Narrow Lane in Sagaponack. The Gaynors are getting well known for gorgeous restorations of old buildings.

The three acres of Narrow Lane Farm were once a potato field. Now, a total of 10 buildings are on the property, along with a fruit orchard and private vineyard. The "Marconi barn," the first telegraph station on Long Island, is now the pool house. There are five barns in all, as well as a main house, a restored 1920s farmhouse, a two-car barn style garage with an apartment and sunken terrace with hot tub. Two of the barns are built for entertaining, while there's also plenty of room for horses and a space for grooms as well.

Considering how beautifully everything was redone, it's no wonder that the farm sold within weeks for almost full price, which was \$12.5 million. Well done to horse-loving agent Dana Trotter and the Gaynors, who donated part of the proceeds to a horse rescue.

PRICE CUT GETS THE JOB DONE AWARD

To Compass agent Lori Schiaffino, who finally got 19 Chauncey Close, East Hampton, sold after three years on the market. We subscribe to the idea that a property is only worth what someone else is willing to pay for it, so we admire agents who coax reluctant owners into cutting an unrealistic asking price. The property, which consists of two parcels right on Georgica Pond with ocean views, first came to market in 2015 asking \$45 million. Of course that's a huge price for non-oceanfront, even given the generous size of seven acres. (We're ignoring an early 2017 listing of the property asking \$85 million, which would have included a new mansion to be built by Jeffrey Colle and designed by Steven Gambrel.) Part of the house, built in 1994 by Wall Street titan Carl Tiedemann, comes from a c. 1520 barn from Hever Castle in England, home of the Boleyn family. The old beams still bear 16th-century adze marks. Very interesting, but still, the price was simply too high.

Schiaffino got the property sold this year for \$24 million, a discount of \$21 million over the original. Realistic wins the day. Congrats to all.



LET'S DO THE RESTAURANT SHUFFLE

Some restaurants in the Hamptons have the lifespan of a mayfly. This year seems to have been particularly active when it comes to eateries or restaurant buildings for sale. In September, the Blue Duck Bakery in Southampton lost its lease and Bay Burger in Sag Harbor closed, with the building put up for sale. The Old Stove Pub in Bridgehampton also closed, after more than 50 years, and the building is for sale.

Starr Boggs, in Westhampton Beach, sometimes called the best restaurant in the Hamptons, was put up for sale asking \$4 million. Also in Westhampton Beach, the Beach Bakery Grand Cafe is now available for sale for the first time in 30 years. The business is available turnkey for \$5.75 million.

Silver's, the iconic lunch-only Main Street, Southampton, restaurant, was set to close by the end of the year, after 95 years in family hands, but the owner's son decided to take it over. Also in Southampton, La Parmigiana on Hampton Road has had its building listed for the past year, currently asking \$5.3 million—\$1.5 million down since initial ask. For \$2.65 million, a budding restaurateur could scoop up 75 Jobs Lane. The 60 seat restaurant, currently called Le Chef, is right across from Agawam Park.

The iconic Murf's Tavern, on Division Street in Sag Harbor, has been in business more than 50 years. The 1792 building is currently in contract at \$3.5 million. In Napeague, which is Native American for "Restaurant Available for Longterm Lease," the site of Cyril's lies empty. Want to start it back up again? Just \$1.4 million purchases the 0.55 acres of land as well as a 1,050 square foot building.

While we're sad to see many old favorites go, we'll be interested to see what takes their places.

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MOST GORGEOUS NEW HOME

Pictures don't do justice to 53 Sagg Main, Sagaponack. You have to experience its calm, serene spaces for yourself.

The house itself is a modern, industrial-style barn next to Sagaponack farm fields, with its own 3.5 acres of bucolic rolling grass. By local boutique builder Debra Simon, the house's simple, airy design combines industrial touches (steel support beams, left exposed, a modern floating staircase, massive masonry fireplaces) with rustic elements (exposed wooden beams, ceramic tile). The house was inspired by a dairy barn on Martha's Vineyard, which is fitting given its site next to a 90-acre agricultural reserve. Out back is a stunning zero edge pool with floating spa and waterfall, and a poolhouse with lounge and loft.

MOST OVERPLAYED BUZZWORD

"Furnkey." Yes, yes, we get what it's supposed to imply, but just skimming through listings, in practice, it means absolutely nothing at all. Used for houses with bathrooms sporting fixtures from Home Depot's "Best of the 80s" collection, to a listing photo including someone's clothes laid out on a bed next to an ironing board, to a bank-owned foreclosure with missing windows, "turnkey" is now officially meaningless.

MOST DELICIOUS SALE

To Stieri Winter Clarry of Corcoran, who sold Big E Farm after nearly four years on the market.

The property, which includes Martha Clara Vineyard, sold in April for \$15 million to a Mexican winemaking family. This represents the highest residential sale on the North Fork since 2008.

Even with a record price, we think the Rivero Larrea family who purchased got a great deal: 200 acres in Jamesport with a very attractive manor house, that includes a professional chef's kitchen, commercial baking room, and a finished lower level with therapy/fitness pool, sauna, spa room, exercise room and wine cellar. There are 17 buildings in all, including 9 barns, a "wine club gallery," events space, tasting room, "culinary education center" and three cottages. More than a hundred acres of the property are planted to vines. There are also numerous paddocks and a racetrack for thoroughbreds. Congrats to all!

— Laura Euler

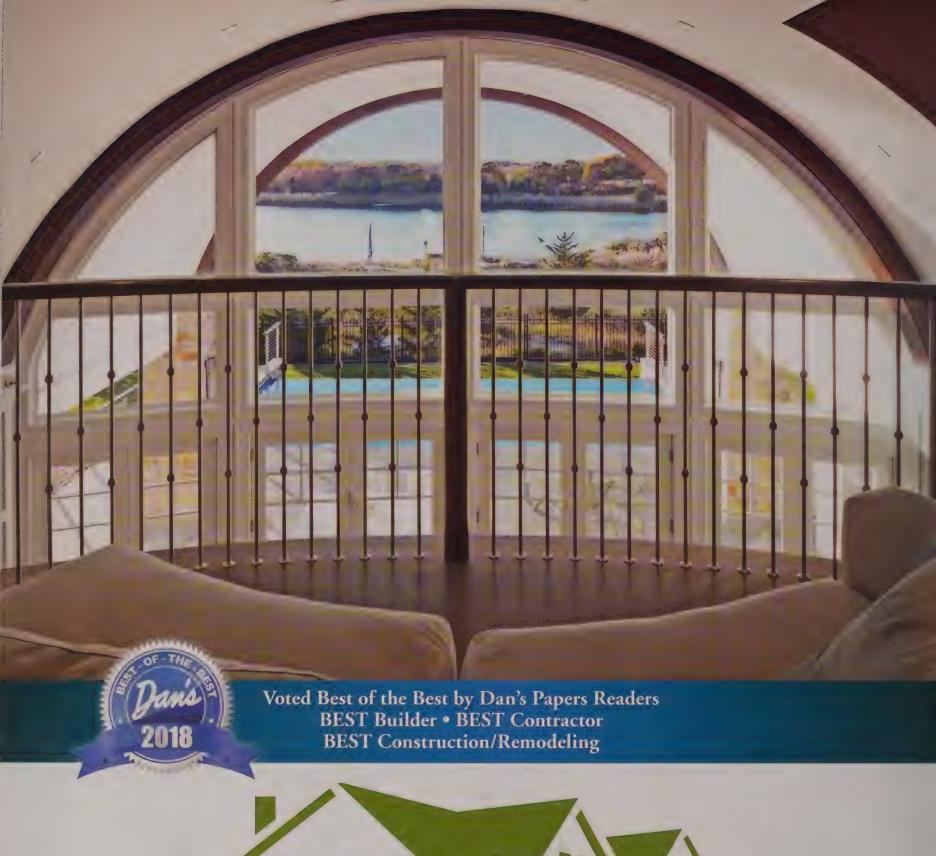
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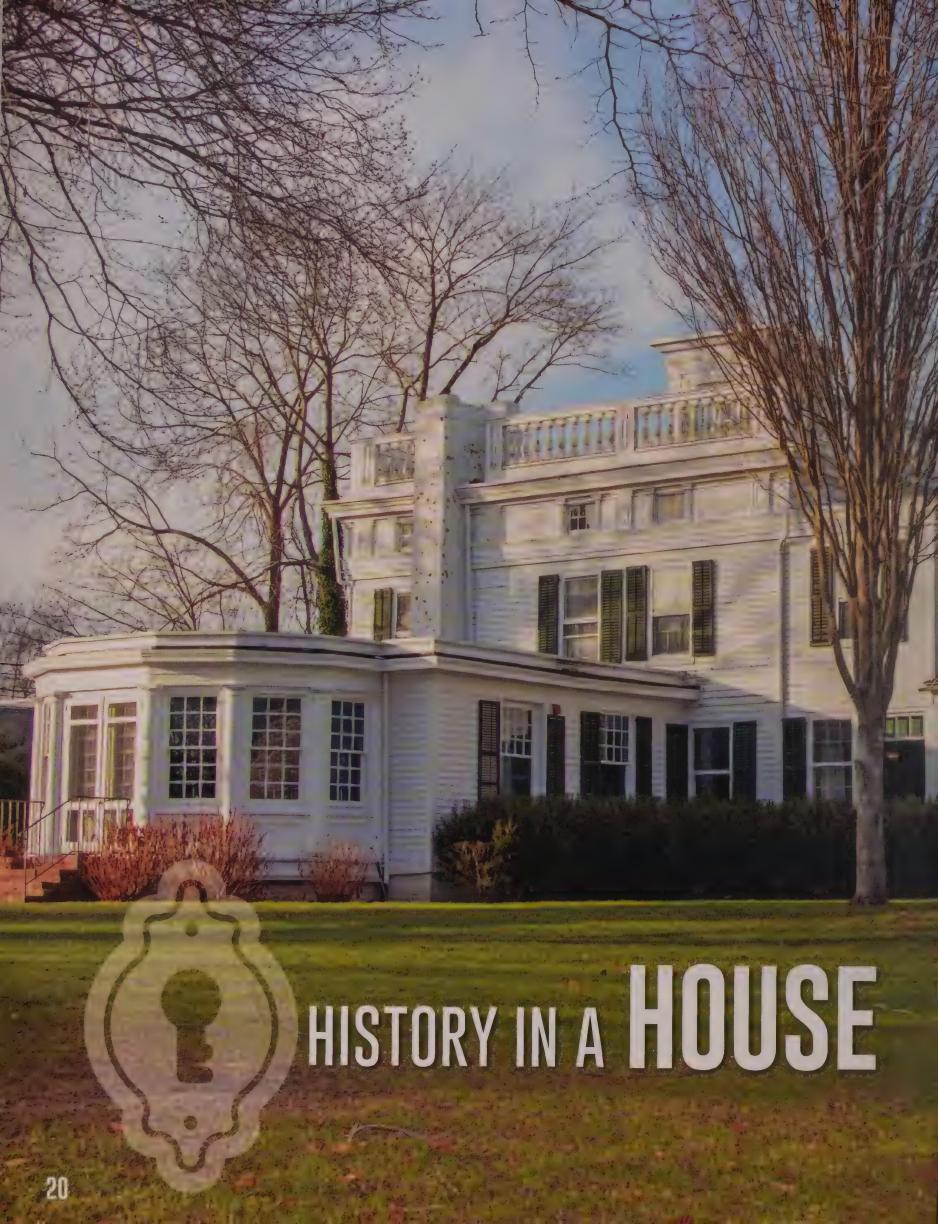


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YOUR WAY FORWARD





HISTORY IN A HOUSE

Today, the 17-room house is a mishmash of styles, from Greek Revival to Colonial to Colonial Revival. A one-story gabled barn is attached at the rear, and Doric pilasters, a balustrade on the roof and a cupola decorate the exterior

The history of the property begins in 1648, just eight years after Puritans landed in Southampton from Connecticut. William Rogers (1606-1667) was allotted about nine acres by the Southampton Town proprietors when the second settlement, now the village, was laid out. Rogers, who was raised in England, moved to Connecticut before 1640, and was known to have been in Southampton before 1644. Rogers owned large amounts of property in Southampton, but he was also involved with settling of the town of Huntington.

By 1655, his son Obadiah Rogers lived in the house on this land; William having probably moved with the rest of his family to Huntington. It is unknown exactly what form the house took, but it was likely a two-story saltbox. Obadiah also seems to have been a wealthy and respected man; at various times he held official positions such as Constable, Overseer, and Juror. (New York colony insisted that citizens had a right to a trial by jury at the time, but jurors had to be white men who owned property.)

After Obadiah's death, Obadiah Junior inherited, and after him, Obadiah III was the owner. Capt. Obadiah Rogers (1699-1783) was Town Clerk of Southampton for several years, as well as Trustee, Overseer of the Poor, and Fence Viewer. Don't laugh—in a farming town, the person who made sure fences (often hedges) were on the right boundaries was very important. In fact, Southampton up till about Revolutionary times was heavily bordered with privet hedges; many of them were cut down then because it was thought the smell of their flowers made people consumptive.

Obadiah had the title of captain for serving in the Revolutionary War—on the wrong side! He was captain of the English schooner *Britannia*, which was captured in 1777 by a sloop portentiously named *America*. He was also a whaling captain who hired Shinnecocks to work his ships.

Obadiah III's son, Captain Zephaniah Rogers (1742-1796), also served in the Revolutionary War, for the American side. He is listed as a minuteman in the First Regiment of Suffolk County. Zephaniah was also a whaling captain and a merchant. (In case you're wondering, Obadiah III had no children called Obadiah.)

Zephaniah, who had six children, enlarged the Rogers house around 1780. Much of the back of the house today bears unmistakable signs





Dressed for Christmas, the mansion is still redolent of the past

(framing, windows) of late-1700s construction.

Zephaniah's son Herrick married a member of the Rose family. He too was a merchant and a whaler; in 1807 he expanded the family's wealth by buying 15 more acres at Old Town.

In 1842, Herrick's son Captain Albert Rogers inherited the property, the sixth generation of the family to own it. Albert was a whaler and a very successful one; for most of nine years he was away whaling. He made a great deal of money from the lucrative trade, and it's he who enlarged and revamped the house in the fashionable Greek Revival style in 1843. Generally speaking, when you see a Greek Revival house in the Hamptons, the money to build or renovate was made via whaling.

Unfortunately for Albert, the whales got him in the end. He no longer went to sea to whale, but he did "protect" Southampton from whales locally. (People in the 1840s and 1850s saw whales as malevolent beasts.) In 1854, Albert harpooned a whale off Southampton; the whale smashed into the boat and injured Albert's leg with its tail. He died of gangrene several weeks later.

Albert left his property to his second wife, Cordelia Rogers. (Interestingly, staff today at the mansion have experienced odd, possibly supernatural

phenomena, and it's assumed that the ghost is either Cordelia or her sister Mary, Albert's first wife.) The Rogers children were young at the time of their father's death, but they gradually moved away when they grew up. Captain Jetur Rogers, the middle child, went to live in what is known now as the Fairfield Porter house in Southampton, while the daughter and other son moved to Wisconsin. Cordelia herself moved to Wisconsin in 1871. The house appears to have been left empty until her death in 1887. In between 1871 and 1887 Cordelia sold much of the land, which eventually dwindled to just 1.71 acres. Cordelia left her property to her three children equally: they sold the house to Dr. John Nugent for \$12,000 in 1889.

Nugent was the son of Irish immigrants who was born in Riverhead. Though a medical doctor, he also partnered with Southampton native Lemuel Wick in a drug store called Wick & Nugent on Jobs Lane. Sadly, the partnership only lasted about a year, because Wick was also illegally selling liquor without a license on the side. Nugent eventually became the chief doctor and coroner of Southampton.

Nugent added on to the house and remodeled it somewhat into a fashionable Southampton mansion. He Continued on next page

HISTORY IN A HOUSE



Relics of 300 years of life in the mansion

added dormers, a full-width porch to the facade, and a gable to the 1780s part, as well as bay windows. Presumably the older parts of the house had tiny Colonial windows, no longer in fashion. After that, the house was now a trophy and a landmark in Southampton. Nugent was persuaded to sell by none other than Southampton luminary Samuel Parrish (1849-1932).

Parrish was a wealthy lawyer who originally used the property as a summer house. He is one of the founders of the Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, helped establish the Shinnecock Hills Summer School of Art along with William Merritt Chase, and built the Parrish Art Museum in 1897 to house his personal art collection. He also helped found the Rogers Library and Southampton Hospital. Parrish's favorite architectural firm was McKim, Mead & White. He had the firm design a summer house for his mother, the clubhouse for the Shinnecock Golf Club, and the house and studio of William Merritt Chase. So naturally he turned to the company when he decided to remodel the Rogers Mansion, although it is uncertain today which changes were made by the firm and

which possibly by the firm's former apprentice, architect Grosvenor Atterbury. Parrish almost doubled the size of the house, adding a music room, a billiard room, additional bedrooms and a powder room. In 1926, he moved the house one hundred feet back from Main Street to its present site with the entrance on Meeting House Lane.

Parrish's heirs owned the house until 1943 when the Village of Southampton purchased it for \$4,000. In 1952 the Southampton Colonial Society (known now as the Southampton Historical Museum) began leasing the house and grounds, just as they do today. Visitors to the museum can see many artifacts of previous owners, including whaling souvenirs from Asia, a fire insurance policy document purchased by Captain Albert Rogers in 1840, one of Dr Nugent's old prescription pads, and Parrish's walnut piano. Today, the Rogers Mansion displays 300 years of Southampton history—and lives well lived—in one house.

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MASTER CRAFTSMAN DEREYK PATTERSON, DP KNIVES, FINE CUTLERY

o matter how successful one might be with a given craft or trade, the siren song of exciting new endeavors is often impossible to resist. So it was with East Hampton custom cabinetry and furniture maker Dereyk Patterson, who recently followed his passion to begin creating fine knives at his East Hampton studio.



"DP Knives is carving a unique niche in the world of cutlery. Each is an exquisitely functional work of art that stands out among the humdrum knives that might be found in an East End kitchen."

With visually striking, razor-sharp blades and handles built from a wide array of exotic materials, his handcrafted selection of DP Knives is carving a unique niche in the world of high-end cutlery. Each is an exquisitely functional work of art that stands out among the comparatively humdrum Henckels, Globals and Wusthofs one might find in a typically well-appointed East End kitchen.

"I actually started making the knives because I was bored and I needed a hobby, and it couldn't be woodworking," Patterson says, explaining how he went from building tables and chairs for 25 years to the cutting utensils now commanding attention from thousands of admirers locally and abroad.

Despite falling in love with the Hamptons after moving here with his wife, Paige St. John, from Western Massachusetts about a decade ago, and building a very lucrative business, Patterson says he's grown increasingly disillusioned with the oversaturated furniture and custom cabinetry market. Meanwhile, making knives is a steadfastly joyful enterprise.

"Custom furniture is a tough gig," he admits, pointing out how the internet changed his business, making so much available—even if the quality is inferior—with the click of a mouse. "There are so many makers out there." Inspiration struck back in the summer of 2017 after Patterson "went down a rabbit hole" exploring custom knives on Instagram and decided he'd put his skills to the test. He completed his first knife that August and found he not only he had a talent for it, but fortunately others were also applauding the fruits of his labor.

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What it takes to craft one-of-a-kind knives

"I'm excited to go to work again," he says, describing a feeling of being "reenergized" by this new challenge. "It's really cool."

Since presenting his knives to the world on Instagram, Patterson's @dpknives account has gained more than 5,000 followers—all waiting to see what he produces next.

While Patterson has a small forge and the knowhow to use it, he chooses to skip that step and turn to more adept makers for expertly made stainless steel Damascus bars, usually comprising up to 400 layers of three different alloys. He then spends hours shaping, polishing and chemically treating the metal to reveal the layers in a seemingly endless multitude of delicate patterns.

"I could forge my own Damascus but it would be carbon," Patterson says. "I don't want carbon—stainless Damascus is a whole thing," he continues, explaining how his suppliers fuse an SG2 core with alternating layers of stainless steel and nickel as dictated by his specifications. "They're just sorcerers."

Patterson applies his own magic to the process by revealing the patterned layers of metal, first grinding the mostly Japanese-style blades, and then through acid etching. "Each layer reacts differently [to the acid]," he says. "One may go dark, one may go light gray."

These patterns take on many forms, featuring everything from wavy, psychedelic designs to thousands of interconnected cell shapes, to complex, op-art-like lines—some of them rigid, and others organic and curved. Patterson uses

the layers and patterns to define his signature style, many times juxtaposing the busy motifs with plain fields of dark or light steel as negative space.

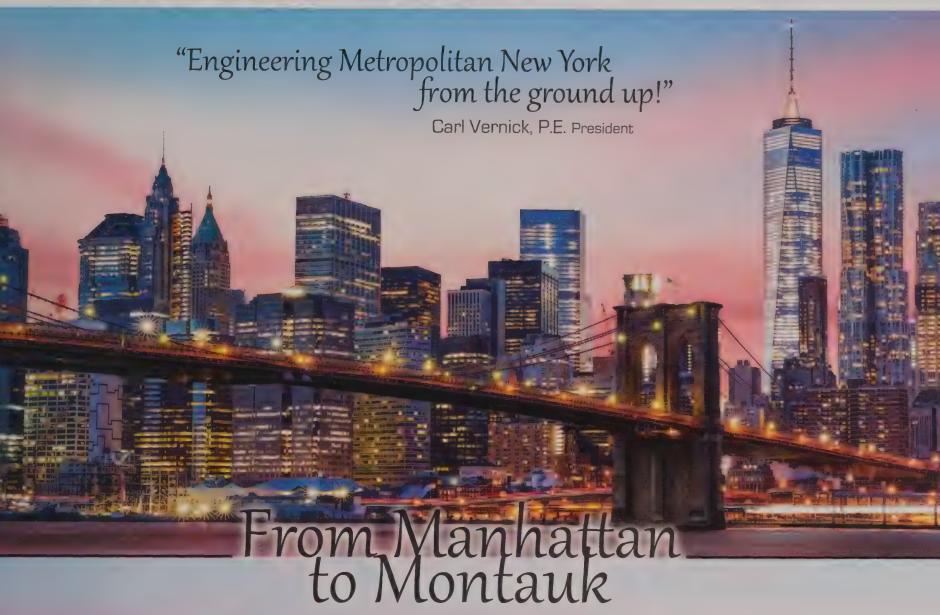
The results are as confounding as they are sublime. Adding shaped handles made from rare and sometimes ancient materials doubles the impact.

Never heavy, the handles balance Patterson's blades with exotic components such as Tasmanian blackwood, ironwood from New Mexico and Arizona, maple burl, birdseye maple, local cherry burl from Springs, horn, faux ivory, vintage micarta, carbon fiber and black bog-oak reclaimed from European swamps where it remained preserved beneath permafrost over four millennia. He even has a 10,000-year-old wooly mammoth tooth awaiting just the right piece. All of them are stabilized, usually sealed and finished with resin or lacquer for a perfect grip.

Now Patterson's knives are in high demand from chefs, collectors, and even celebrity clientele. He mostly markets them via Instagram, and is currently working through backorders to meet demand. "I'm kind of at the point now where I could do this full time," he says, though cabinetry remains his bread and butter.

Patterson explains that his knives are available in several styles, including chef/utility knives, paring knives, slicers and santokus. But, he adds, "Each one is one of a kind."

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Frederico Azevedo, founder of Unlimited Earth Care, has lived in the Hamptons since the 1990s and has the quintessential East End life. Though he's a world traveler, Azevedo always returns to his North Haven home for what he calls a "very special kind of country life."

What do you love most about living in the Hamptons?

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What are some outdoor places in the Hamptons you love?
I love the beaches because they are so big; they are large, expansive beaches. I love the small villages that are off the highways, like Sag Harbor and Southampton. And there's constant contact with nature. It's a very special kind of country life.

What's unique about landscape design in the Hamptons?
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the basket and onto the ground.

"You scared me half to death. Do you always sneak up on people?"

"I'm sorry," I said. "I've never seen a big balloon like this."

"What's a young boy like you doing out in the park at this hour, anyway?" the man said. "Shouldn't you be at home, asleep?"

"I'm on my way to the North Pole to deliver letters to Santa Claus," I said.

That seemed to bring him up short. "That's a long, long way on foot,"

"That's a long, long way on foot, he said.

"I know."

"You know, they don't have mail delivery to the North Pole."

"That's why I'm going there."

"Well, I could probably get you there pretty fast in this balloon."

"You could?"

"It works fine at night. Goes thousands of miles. But during the day it won't go anywhere. Just stays on the ground. I invite people on board to show them a ride in my new invention and nothing happens. They just laugh at me."

"What's wrong?"

"I can't figure it out. It should work. But the frammis gets warm when the sun comes up and it just won't go. I'm ready to chuck the whole thing. I'm also working on an electromagnetic machine that stops time." He scratched his beard. "But I can't get that to work at all. Even at night."

"What's your name?" I asked.

"Dr. Bixbee," he said.

"Mine is Billy."

"Well, climb in, Billy. I'll take you to the North Pole."

What a feeling it was to leave the ground and head high up into the night sky over the city of New York. Dr. Bixbee worked the controls. I held on for dear life. We floated over to New Jersey, then across Pennsylvania to Minnesota, then up to Alaska with all the igloos down below, and then right to the North Pole itself.

There was absolutely no way you could miss it. You wouldn't have believed it. The North Pole is a big red-and-white striped pole a hundred feet tall. It is a giant candy cane.

We came thumping down right next to this pole, in between the pole and a whole group of buildings. Immediately we could see all sorts of little people running around. What a busy place. It was the middle of the night, and people, little people, were carrying boxes and gift-wrap this way and that. It was Santa's workshop.

We climbed out of the basket and, with the ropes and sandbags, secured the balloon. Now the elves began running over to us, talking excitedly and jumping up and down until there were maybe a hundred of them,

forming a big circle around us. And then, suddenly, there he was, Santa Claus, pushing through the crowd.

"Well, well," he laughed. "What have we here?"

Dr. Bixbee held out his hand. "I'm Dr. Percival Jonathan Bixbee," he said, "and this is Billy. We come from New York."

"That's a very long way," Santa said.

"Indeed it is. And I have brought you something very special. Billy here has brought you a CONTINUED ON PAGE 42



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piece of mail. Addressed to you."

"Mail?" Santa asked. "What's mail?"
"That's right, you don't know what

mail is," Dr. Bixbee said. "It's writing on a piece of paper. People do it all the time. They write messages down and they give them to each other."

"We don't get this mail thing here at the North Pole," Santa Claus said.

"Well, here's the first. Billy? Give Santa Claus your letter. It's a request, Mr. Claus, for something that he wants for Christmas very, very much."

And so I reached into my pocket... and it wasn't there. I reached into another pocket and it wasn't there, either. I tried another pocket and then another. I took off my mittens and I tried every pocket. And that's when I realized I had left my letter on the table by my bed in East Hampton.

"I came all this way," I

said, "and I left it home."

And then I started to cry.

"Oh now, now," Santa Claus said.
"You mustn't cry. This is the North
Pole." He came over and put his big
arm around me. "If it's something you
want for Christmas, you're here and
you could just tell me about it."

"A bicycle," I sniffed.

"Oh yes, those new things. What color?"

"Red."

"What size?"

"I don't know."

"Well now, we'll measure you up."

Santa Claus snapped his fingers and an elf stepped forward. "Measure this boy for a bicycle," Santa said. The elf took out a long silver rope, held one end at the top of my forehead, put the other end on the ground, and then turned to the crowd. "Three hundred sixty one and a quarter," he said.

In the crowd, an elf took out a pad and pencil and wrote it down.

"That takes care of THAT, " Santa Claus said.

I smiled. I was so happy.

"Do you need to know where I live?" asked.

"Oh, we know where you live. That we have in a book. We also have a book that tells if you've been bad or good."

"I've been good," I said.

"I have no doubt."

"You know, Santa Claus," Dr. Bixbee said, "I could deliver mail to you every night all year long from little boys and girls describing what they want."

"That would be wonderful!" Santa said. "It would take out all the

Dr. Bixbee."

And then Santa put his other arm around Dr. Bixbee.

"This calls for a celebration. How would you two like a tour of my workshop?" he asked. "I'd like everybody to meet you."

I could hardly believe it. I looked at Dr. Bixbee.

"We have time for a quick one," Dr. Bixbee said. "I just have to get back by dawn."

And so off we went. We went into the workshop, where hundreds of elves were making toys and putting them in boxes. We went into the warehouse where there were more presents than I'd seen in my whole life. We went to the stable and Santa introduced us to the reindeer, and we even went into the garage where they were polishing up the sleigh. Then we met Mrs. Claus. She was a big, jolly woman and she gave us hot chocolate and biscuits, which we ate and drank right there on the spot.

But then Mr. Bixbee looked at his watch and said it was time to go. So Santa and Mrs. Claus, the elves and all the reindeer walked us back to the balloon, and we climbed in and flew off, not back to Central Park as I had thought we would, but to where Pal was tethered on the island side, alongside the ice. Dr. Bixbee set right down next to him in a field of snow. I climbed out.

"Goodbye, Dr. Bixbee. Thank you so much.'

Off to the east, the first light of dawn was beginning to shimmer over the woods of the Flushing Plain.

"Goodbye, Billy," Dr. Bixbee said, looking at his watch again. "Time to go. The frammis is getting skittish again. But you know, I want to thank you, too. You've done a wonderful thing. I was just about to give up with this balloon invention. Now I have a whole business. Dr. Bixbee's Balloon Santa Claus Mail Express. I'll put an advertisement in the newspapers as soon as the offices open.

Be good, Billy!"

And then he was off.

I went over and untied Pal and began to reel in the rope I had stretched

guesswork. You've got yourself a job, across the river. It seemed like I'd have just enough time to gallop home, put Pal in the barn, climb up the drain pipe and get into bed before breakfast.

> "And that, young man, is how I got my letter up to Santa Claus. And how balloon mail delivery started to the North Pole for the very first time."

> Grandfather took a last sip of tea, stood up and put the cup in the sink.

"Is this story really true, Grandpa?" "Of course it's true."

"You don't have a red bicycle."

"You finish that letter, young man. And when you get it done, you put a stamp on it and give it to me, and I'll give it to Dr. Bixbee. You do know that your letter will get to the elves at the North Pole now, don't you?"

"Of course I do."

"Well, there you are," Grandfather said. And he smiled breezily, turned, and walked out of the kitchen and into the living room.



Maureen's Haven Is "Home" for Everyone

BY STACY DERMONT

Maureen's Haven Homeless Outreach's new Executive Director, Dan O'Shea, hit the ground running last April and notes that 2018 was "a busy year," which makes him a model of understatement. Maureen's Haven is not one place, but it's "home" to our area homeless. It's made up of a makeshift, beautiful patchwork of professionals and volunteers across both forks of the East End. Maureen's mission to provide support services and emergency housing to the homeless community on the East End means that, during the winter months, 18 host sites staffed by 30 volunteer organizations welcome our homeless to a hot, home-cooked meal, a shower and a clean, safe bed for the night. They then see their guests off with breakfast and a packed lunch the next day, and they do this five days a week. The remaining two days find many of our homeless staying overnight at John's Place in Mattituck, which is run by the Mattituck Presbyterian Church.

Founded in 2002, the nonprofit is named for Sister Maureen Michael, a Dominican Sister, who tried to set up a similar program decades ago but could not find congregations willing to participate. The current iteration began in response to founding board members witnessing homeless people sleeping in the woods and at a local train station. As O'Shea says, "We have a supportive board that truly believe and care about the homeless."

O'Shea came into his position with a fire in

his belly to "increase community relations, increase fundraising, realize better social media, to be more of an overall presence." And he's well on his way. He now issues weekly, detailed emails to all of the site and volunteer coordinators because, as he says, "it's all about communication." He's "meeting more volunteers and coordinators to review strengths and weaknesses, toward improving efficiencies and becoming more sustainable."

Their winter shelter season is "an all-hands-on-deck effort" according to O'Shea that, in the past, has run from November through March. O'Shea has officially extended it to run through April in 2019.

When O'Shea comes into the Dan's Papers Southampton offices for an interview, he's just completed a marathon. He says, "I visited all our host sites on their first nights to thank them and to get to know them." So his emphasis on the fact that being homeless is fatiguing is palpably empathetic. As he says, "It's exhausting! Imagine carrying all of your belongings, walking outdoors, always sleeping with one eye open."

O'Shea stresses the difference between "shelter" and "housing." Chronically homeless individuals are continually homeless for three years or more. This may include periods of incarceration,



Maureen's Haven Executive Director Daniel O'She

hospitalization and temporary housing. It's not uncommon for homeless people to seek housing in a prison or hospital. Some people are so desperate for food, clothing and security that they may break a law or injure themselves in order to get off of the street. Here's something more to chew on: Many food pantries are not equipped to help the homeless. People who don't have access to a kitchen can't prepare meals. And homeless people don't have addresses, which some food pantries require for registration.

Just imagine trying to sleep on a cot alongside a bunch of

strangers in a church basement. Now imagine trying to sleep without that cot, alone, without shelter or a hot dinner night after night after night. Imagine never having a clean pair of socks, or underwear. Imagine being worried about what you'll find to eat today, but at the moment you desperately need a place to relieve yourself. And maybe you're hearing loud voices that no one else does.

When asked what East Enders might find most surprising about the homeless population out here, O'Shea replies, "that there is one, and it's fairly sizeable." Estimates are that each village has six to twelve homeless citizens



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at any given time. The number goes down in the warmer months when there's more employment available.

Needy people are not always grateful or pleasant, or even making a lot of sense when you help them. O'Shea says "Mental illness leads to very low trust factors; we have to show that we're truly working on their behalf. Trust goes a LONG way." O'Shea characterizes Maureen's clients as people who are in need of "a little extra support to get back on their feet." He points out that "so many just miss an appointment which leads to them being sanctioned, cut off from Department of Social Services (DSS)-funded programs for 15, 30, 60 or 90 days."

O'Shea and his staff research what clients currently need most, from access to counseling, medical attention, Medicaid, employment, footwear, or a bus ticket. He was delighted to share two recent success stories—Sarah and Herb.

Sarah "is a real sweetheart," over 60 years old and originally from North Carolina. When she came to Maureen's she was shut out of DSS programs, sanctioned due to a missed appointment. In addition to providing Sarah with temporary shelter and support, Maureen's helped her visit her sister in North Carolina over the Thanksgiving holiday. She reconnected and is poised to move back into an apartment there, but has returned for a few court dates in New York. O'Shea says proudly, "She's taking care of her business, she's doing what she needs to do. We're so happy for her."

After years on the waiting list for a Section 8 apartment, Herb got the call. A hoarder, he

was reluctant to accept the housing. O'Shea and his staff took Herb to visit the apartment and persuaded him to take it. At press time, Herb had remained settled in his apartment for well over a month.

Who's homeless on the East End these days and nights? O'Shea notes, "Our population might not be who you think it would be," but like the general population, it's growing older. About 30% of our homeless are over 55 years of age; 20-25% are female; racially, the makeup is equally divided between white, Latino and African American guests, with a small demographic of Asians and Native Americans.

O'Shea strives to look beyond shelter, to ultimately focus on reintegration programs. He endeavors to reestablish relationships and explore innovative and cost-effective approaches that could be undertaken in conjunction with area animal shelters and art programs through internships and scholarships. He's seeking "tremendous outcomes."

O'Shea says that Maureen's, with its limited staff and resources, has done an outstanding job with side support services and case management. "Through year-round case management, we've connected clients to services for housing, addiction, and mental healthcare."

As a grassroots organization, Maureen's is always in need of donations and support—they receive less than 20% of their funding from the government. O'Shea points out that, though Maureen's is always stretching to do more to combat homelessness itself, it's critical for any group or volunteer to have an achievable goal on the horizon. Right now, for example, they

really need a van driver 3-4 days a week. O'Shea asks, "Are there things you think you can do?" Recently a local organization raised \$2,000 for the purchase of new sneakers for guests, which O'Shea characterizes as "HUGE!" And he adds that "Boots, for example, give a goal. New medications are expensive."

Some people are so desperate for food, clothing and security that they may injure themselves in order to get off of the street.

O'Shea says, "My vision for 2019 is to have a greater role, more outreach to librarians, deli clerks, law enforcement, to get them to know and trust us."

Though Maureen's works year-round, at this time of year especially, O'Shea says that his work and the volunteers' work "crosses over to a spiritual end. It's so important to them as a church, as a temple, to really give back, a little deeper, further. Following a true sense of mission to provide fellowship to the needy is near and dear to them."

O'Shea describes his experience of this shared mission as "extremely inspiring, very humbling. I have a lot of people doing a lot of good. It all comes back to compassion and funding, and awareness."

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Here are the Top 10 stories you, our readers, read, shared and enjoyed on DansPapers. com during the year that was 2018. To check them out in full, and to read our annual Top 10 lists on celebrities, dining, real estate and more, visit...you guessed it, DansPapers.com!

ONE PARTICULAR HARBOR

Looking back through the lens of time, "National Archives Releases 1950 'Sag Harbor, U.S.A.' Video" took us on a nostalgic tour of the whaling village turned manufacturing center, with rare glimpses at the Sag Harbor Cinema, Old Whalers' Church, Long Wharf and other timeless symbols that remain today.

WE'LL PINK TO THAT

The most successful Dan's Taste of Summer series ever kicked off in the Hamptons on Memorial Day Weekend with Dan's Rosé Soirée. Four months earlier, readers got their pink on with "2018 Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Bon Jovi Debuts Hampton Water Rosé," a toast to East Hampton's Jon Bon Jovi and son Jesse Bongiovi releasing Diving Into Hampton Water, which was named Top Rosé in the World by Wine Spectator.

SOMETIMES, MORE IS MORE

When Ron Perelman was planning work and updates to his 57-acre property on Georgica Pond this past March, instead of trying to cut down on requests by the Zoning Board of Appeals, he upped the ante—including his offer to nearly double the requested amount of revegetated

indigenous flora—and got a tip of the cap in "Hats Off to Perelman: Billionaire Gives More Than Zoning Board Asks For."

WHAT'S OLD IS NEW AGAIN

When America's oldest same-family-owned restaurant changed hands in March, "Claudio's Sold After 147 Years of Family Ownership in Greenport" served up the news that all three of the Claudio's businesses—Claudio's Restaurant, Claudio's Clam Bar and Crabby Jerry's—would keep their names and remain open.

THAT'S A LOT OF DOUGH

Kathleen King was 11 years old when she began selling cookies at her family farm right here in the Hamptons. In 2014, she sold her Tate's Bake Shop business for \$100 million. Then this past May, "Riverside Sells Tate's Bake Shop to Oreo Owner Mondelēz for \$500 Million" continued the story of how a local baker with a simple, singular concept became an international sensation.

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Grief was not a strong enough word to describe the community's reaction to the devastating news that one of the Hamptons' most beloved couples and their grandson had died in June. "Remembering Ben and Bonnie Krupinski After Fatal Air Tragedy" brought an outpouring of emotion and memories of the many ways in which the Krupinskis contributed to bettering the lives of so many on the East End, and how their legacy will endure.

COURSE OF HISTORY

The 123rd U.S. Open Golf Championship in June was the fifth ever played at the Southampton course. "Shinnecock Hills Golf Club Then and Now: A Century of U.S. Open Play" was your ticket to an illustrious, controversial and entertaining look at a quintet of long walks spoiled.

WHAT THE ?!@?

Was it a sea turtle? A raccoon? Something that escaped from Plum Island? The only thing we know for sure is that "The Montauk Monster Legend Endures 10 Years After It Broke the Internet" proved the freakish creature lives on in our collective consciousness.

DONALD TRUMP'S HAMPTONS LUNCH DATE

On August 17, President Trump paid a visit to the Hamptons, flying into Gabreski Airport to attend a Trump Victory Fund luncheon in Southampton. "Trump Chaos: The President Will Visit the Hamptons on Friday" told readers not just of impending traffic, but also the reassuring news that, at least briefly, the skies would be silent amid suspension of all air traffic.

EYES ON THE STORM

Eighty years after the Long Island Express laid waste to the East End, September's three-part "Hurricane of 1938" story took readers on a historic, horrifying ride through the prelude, path, arrival and aftermath of this most destructive of storms, whose impact is felt to this day.







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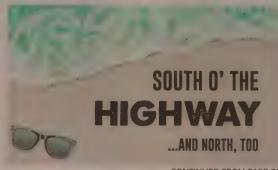
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his own show because we love him. He's the funniest guy." Water Mill resident Jennifer Lopez is in full media-tour mode. The singer and actress appeared on Good Morning America and The View last Wednesday to promote her new movie, Second Act. It's about a 40-something woman who sets out to prove it's never too late for a new lease on life, and it opens in theaters December 21. Amagansett's Gwyneth Paltrow is in talks with Netflix to develop a show about her successful lifestyle brand. Paltrow would reportedly star in the series, which would explore wellness and homeopathic practices in different cultures. The show would complement an already full Goop platform that includes e-commerce, a podcast, brick-andmortar stores and wellness conventions. The new CNN Original Series American Style premieres Sunday, January 13. The four-part docuseries examines how America's changing style through the decades has mirrored the political, social and economic climate of the time. So, of course, East Enders figure prominently, including Donna Karan, Christie Brinkley, Isaac Mizrahi, Diane von Furstenberg and others.

White House decorator Michael S. Smith and partner James Costos hosted a book signing for East Hampton's Martha Stewart last week. The event, held at Smith's Jasper Showroom in Los Angeles, celebrated Stewart's latest release, Martha's Flowers: A Practical Guide to Growing, Gathering and Enjoying. Guests included David Geffen, designer Jenni Kayne and decorator Rose Tarlow. East Hampton's Martha Stewart released her 100% vegan leather shoe collection with Payless last weekjust in time for the holidays. Who doesn't want to walk in her shoes? Stewart—with some help reportedly puts up 40 Christmas trees in her homes every Christmas season.

Foodie bites: Tom Colicchio, Top Chef judge and Mattituck resident, opened a new Long Island restaurant last week. Small Batch, a farmto-table eatery at Garden City's Roosevelt Field mall, offers diners dishes made with locally sourced ingredients-including many from the East End producers such as Satur Farms, Sang Lee Farms and 8 Hands Farm. The North Fork Table & Inn's Chef Claudia Fleming is overseeing the desserts at Small Batch. Sannino Vineyard is opening a huge new winery complex on Route 48 in Cutchogue next spring. Thanks go out to Chef Bunnii Buglione and HandcraftedHamptons. com for the delish spiced chocolate chip cookies and "bourbon loaves" they delivered to the Dan's Hamptons offices last week!

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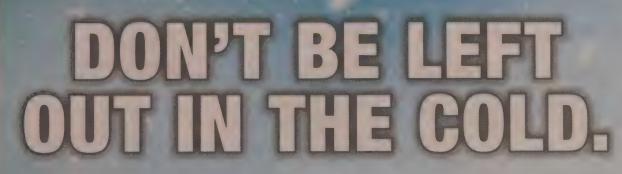
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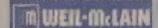
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This Week's Cover Artist: Carol Luz

This week's engaging cover by arol Luz sparked some key questions. All of the animals depicted were unavailable for comment, according to their various public relations reps, but Luz was able to fill us in.

What's the name of this work and did it have a particular inspiration?

Max & Lucy were the inspiration for this piece, "Max & Lucy 2018 Winter Concert." They have a house in Sag Harbor and like to perform during the holidays. The windmill seemed like the perfect spot to have a winter concert.

What song and dance number are they performing?

"Jingle Bell Hop"

Which of these animals' names are known to you, which ones are your friends?

They are all friends.

Max and Lucy are the main singers. The backup squirrel singers are Poppy and Nibbles. Buggles is playing the horn. Nutty is on cymbals. Car Bomber and Fry Stealer are the singing seagulls. The group of skunks is known as the Stinkers. And finally, Hooveski the Reindeer.



What are the primary advantages of being covered with fur or feathers in Sag Harbor in the wintertime?

The most important advantage is that they're in fashion right now! Fur and feathers were all over the runway this season.

Can you teach an old dog new tricks?

Absolutely! I'm working on teaching my dogs

how to cook. If they could just get through the prep work without eating everything...

What's on your list for Santa this year? (Have you been good, what about these critters?)

Max and Lucy want a vintage blue convertible Mercedes 190SL (and so do I!) Max and Lucy most likely will get the convertible. They have been very good this year...not so sure about me.

What are some of your favorite places to visit in Sag Harbor/on the East End at this time of year?

I love going to all of the holiday bazaars. It's fun to buy local crafts, ornaments, and pottery for gifts. And of course, the local wine! I must stop at the wineries!

Where can readers see more of your work?

You can find my work on carolluzart.com, at the Hampton House in Westhampton Beach, and posters from this summer's art show can still be purchased at the Greater Westhampton Chamber of Commerce. I can be contacted at carol@carolluzart.com

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Fireside Sessions with Nancy Atlas Returns This January

Jolly music follows us everywhere we go at this time of year. Tuneful voices implore us to be merry and full of good cheer at every turn. But things get a bit quiet in the aftermath of all that cheer...

Nancy Atlas will change that for you. "Life is short—we're gonna have some fun," she says. The Fireside Sessions with Nancy Atlas at Bay Street Theater, sponsored by Dan's Papers, is back for its sixth year. Always sold out in advance, the Fireside Sessions will run for all four Saturdays in the month of January, featuring special guests on every show, giving music lovers across the East End something awesome to look forward to each week.

And what a slate of special treats this year! "Every show is going to knock it out of the park," says Atlas. Most of the shows feature not one but TWO guest artists joining the Nancy Atlas Project band—Brett King on bass; Neil Surreal on keyboard; Johnny Blood on lead guitar; and Richard Rosch on drums—to help rock away the winter blues. And, as always, with the Fireside Sessions, there's tremendous contrast from week to week.

To start things off, Saturday, January 5 will feature the great piano man Henry Haid. Best known for his time on Broadway in the hit Billy Joel jukebox musical Movin' Out, Haid has been wowing audiences with his pianistic gymnastics since the 1980s. Also joining the band is George Cortez on the saxophone. There will likely be more than a few Billy Joel songs on the set. Will those sounds lure a certain Sag Harbor resident down the street



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to come sit in? You'll have to get a seat for yourself to find out!

Then on January 12 comes Randi Fishenfeld, queen of that rarest of rarities, the rock violin. A veteran of many past Fireside Sessions, Fishenfeld wields her fiddle and bow like a sorceress, drawing audiences into a vortex of virtuosity. If you've never seen a Fishenfeld show and you still consider the violin to be among the daintier instruments out there, let this leather-jacketed force of nature prove you wrong.

Word is she once beat the Devil himself in a fiddling duel...

January 19 is Rockabilly Night at the Fireside Sessions, featuring the East End's own rockabilly favorite Gene Casey along with New York-based rockabilly legend Eugene Chrysler.

These are guys who have been steeped in the rockabilly sound—think early Elvis, Carl Perkins, Roy Orbison—for decades, while making forays into the related sounds of western swing and hillbilly music. Casey is a master at Perkins-style electric guitar and Chrysler slaps that standup bass like it owes him money. Both are blessed with deep, rich, made-for-rockabilly voices. Not for nothing, this show should feature a contest to see which of these two guys can go lower on "I Walk the Line."

The Fireside Sessions wrap up on January 26 with two very soulful singer/keyboardists, Jonny Rosch and Danny Kean. While both of these electrifying performers have appeared at the Fireside Sessions in prior years, this year for the first time audiences will hear Rosch's rough-edged voice contrasted with Kean's sweeter tone. "This is the show I'm most looking forward to," says Atlas. Can't wait!

So throw the wrapping paper in the fire, kick the dead tree to the curb and put your Bing Crosby records away until next December. And get ready to rock all January long!

For tickets and more information about Fireside Sessions with Nancy Atlas, visit baystreet. org. Reserve your seats soon—these shows sell out every year!

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Gateway's Beauty & the Beast Brings Disney Magic to Patchogue

The holiday season is a time for celebration of family, hope and wonder. The Gateway Playhouse brings the magical world of Disney's Beauty & the Beast to the beautiful Patchogue Theatre. It's a beloved story of fantasy and love with a heartfelt message that resonates with audiences all over the globe. Gateway's production of this timeless tale will leave you smiling ear to ear. From the stunning, enormous set with many moving parts to the intricate makeup bringing the Beast to life, this production of Beauty & the Beast is one more reason to love the talented staff at The Gateway for giving us another reason to celebrate this season.

Directed by Gateway regular Joseph Minutillo, whose

work has been seen at local theaters like Bay Street and Guild Hall, *Beauty & the Beast* is a feast for the senses from beginning to end. When the first bars of the enchanting music begin to play, it will take you back to a simpler time.

Gateway is known for bringing Broadway-caliber talent to Long Island and this spectacular is no different. The aptly named Belle is played by Emily Behny, who we last saw at Gateway playing Janet in *The Rocky Horror Show* and Sherrie in *Rock of Ages*. Having previously performed as Belle in the National Tour of *Beauty & the Beast*,

Behny is a natural as the beautiful, misunderstood, ahead-of-her-time bookworm. She was the brightest star onstage as the beloved beauty, lending her own distinctive sass and strength to the character. The opening song "Belle" was fun and festive, staying true to the Disney classic and don't be surprised if you start

breaking out in song along with the characters.

Gaston may be the "bad guy" in this story, but you can't help but love Joe Hager's hilarious portrayal of the narcissistic and muscular hunter. Hager also portrayed Gaston in the National Tour of *Beauty & the Beast* and it's no wonder why Gateway cast him—he's positively delightful as the villain everyone loves to hate. The scene in the tavern where they celebrate Gaston with his namesake song is boisterous and hysterical, with his sidekick Lefou—played by Courtier Simmons—adding his own comedic genius to the number. I dare you not to laugh out loud!

The heart of the story is the unlikely hero in this tale—the Beast, played by the talented Loren

Christopher, who also reprises his role of the Beast from the production's National Tour and Gateway's 2013 production of *Beauty & the Beast*. It comes as no surprise that Christopher seems made for this role, portraying the Beast first as gruff and growling, hunched over and animal-like and then, as he falls in love with Belle, transformation happens before our eyes. The captivating Beast becomes the Prince he always should have been thanks to the kindhearted, gentle soul of Belle.

The supporting characters that we know and love are portrayed wonderfully, and I especially enjoyed Jonathan Hadley as the

flirtatious and funny Frenchman-turned-candlestick, Lumiere, who happens to be one of my favorite Disney characters. Hadley has the most spot-on accent and captures the wit and spirit of Lumiere perfectly. The number "Be Our Guest" is an easy favorite, with the company performing the scene with gusto and fanfare; from the dancing dishes to the frolicking forks and knives, you can't help but smile and clap along as this beloved and iconic scene is brought to glorious life through the magic of musical theater.

Robert Anthony Jones plays the stubborn clock Cogsworth hilariously, and Teri Hansen plays the lovable teapot Mrs. Potts so very well. Her performance of the title song brought tears to my eyes as Belle and her Beast glide around the dance floor. The beauty of the song, combined with the characters bringing the story to life, evokes that magical feeling you'll want to experience over and over again.

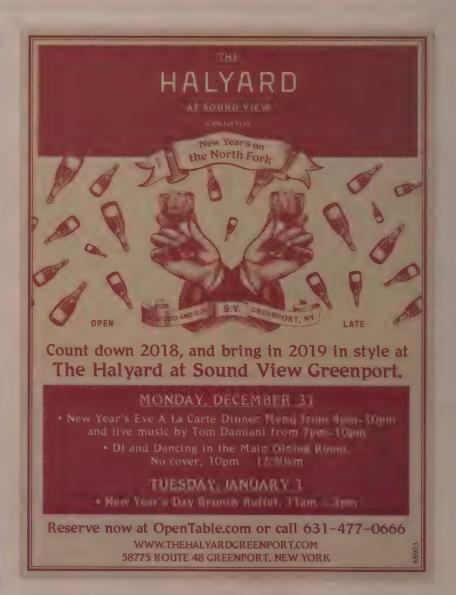
The set is spectacular—an enormous structure that turns 360 degrees and portrays the castle's West Wing with the enchanted rose, Belle's chamber, the dungeon and more. The cast worked seamlessly through many transitions. The costumes worn by the enchanted characters were charming; from the "candlesticks" held by Lumiere to the inventive way they portray Chip, Mrs. Potts teacup son, played by the adorable Marty Timlin. We particularly liked the creepy portrayal of the wolves that surround the Beast's castle. Madame de la Grande Bouche, the wardrobe opera singer, is brought to life by the powerhouse Roxy York.

The entire production of Gateway's Beauty & the Beast is a success, from the massive set to the costumes and the talented actors and ensemble cast members. This lovely Disney tale is fantastically represented and is the perfect holiday treat the entire family can enjoy together.

BY GENEVIEVE HORSBURGH

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North Fork Chocolate Company co-founder and Executive Chef Steven Amaral is an artist. Not only does he paint abstract works in acrylic and oil, but he also carefully crafts countless artworks every day in his preferred—and delicious—medium: chocolate. And his first-ever WinterWonderland, on display through the end of the year, may be his finest masterpiece yet.

The idea came to Amaral when the spacious foyer leading to the Aquebogue chocolate shop's art gallery happened to catch his eye one day, filling him with the desire to use the space for an elaborate holiday display akin to the ones he helped create during his days as a

corporate chef. He remembers thinking, "It would be so cool, especially for the kids who come in, to be able to have something that was like, 'Wow!'—something that was inspiring and awesome and all chocolate." He set out to make it. After nearly 40 hours of hand-rolling chocolate and filling molds, he and his assistant Ashley Geyer achieved the wow factor he was looking for.

The detailed display is populated by snowmen, Santas, reindeer, Christmas trees and houses handmade with chocolate and sweets of every sort. The cheery snowmen, for instance, are made with white chocolate, coconut shavings and Rice Krispies treats. Just outside the Christmas





holiday display akin to the ones he north fork chocolate company's chef steven amaral has crafted a beautiful winter wonderland made of chocolate

village is the quiet town of Bethlehem, featuring a lovingly recreated nativity scene of dark and milk chocolate.

There are duplicates of just about everything—packaged and ready to be enjoyed. So don't worry about picking apart the Winter Wonderland or the nativity scene. The only exceptions are the delicately hand-rolled and carved Christmas log cabin and nativity stable, which must be painstakingly reproduced.

North Fork Chocolate Company also crafts bonbons, chocolate bark and hot chocolate, which Amaral makes from Belgian chocolate shavings. Many chocolates are made with local ingredients enrobed in a proprietary blend of pure Belgian chocolate. They incorporate local beer, sea salt, honey, berries, cider, wine and spirits. If you need a box to carry your goodies in, they make ones out of—you guessed it—chocolate.

But there's more to this chocolate shop than chocolate. Within its walls are the works of 40 other local artisans are also on display—handmade birdhouses, needlepoint, jewelry, ceramics and more. "It's like their own little micro-store within our store," Amaral says.

BY DAVID TAYLOR

North Fork Chocolate Company is located at 740 Main Road, Aquebogue. For more information, visit northforkchocolate.com.





HAMPTONS EPICURE

Community Supported Agriculture: A Winter's Tale

Writing a regional cookbook makes you think hard about what's in season and when. After eight years working at the Sag Harbor Farmers Market I thought I had it down. I'd even taken notes and photos, but nature always has some surprises in store.

My family joined the winter share program at Quail Hill Farm in Amagansett this year for the first time. It begins in mid-November. So it's the lesser-known sister of their popular summer C.S.A. (Community Supported Agriculture), aka "the pretty one." Quail Hill in summer is all about organic tomatoes and peppers and other brightly colored things.

For our winter share, we show up at their workshop every other Saturday with well-worn tote bags in hand. There's a big chalkboard set up along one wall that lists that week's produce selection and how much of each fruit or vegetable each shareholder is to take. The selection and amounts vary

somewhat, but it's always a lot of food and generally includes a mix of beets, carrots, dried beans, dried peppers, garlic, greens like collards or kale, leeks, onions, parsnips, potatoes, rutabaga, sage, squash, sweet potatoes, turnips and wheat berries, as well as fresh-cut tender greens and herbs from the nearby greenhouse. You take your own scissors and head to the greenhouse to trim out your share. The greenhouse is located down the hill, next to a very active chicken coop.

Though they grow here year-round, kales are much tastier after a hard frost, like all of the cruciferous vegetables are. Crucifers include: arugula, bok choy,



QUAIL HILL FARM'S WINTER FARM SHARE IS A GREAT WAY TO GET LOCALLY SOURCED PRODUCE

broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, chards, kale, radish, rapini, rutabaga, spinach, turnip and watercress. Also, root vegetables, including beets, carrots, onions, parsnips and leeks, are sweeter after a hard frost because, in order to survive in the cold (to not freeze), some of their starches turn to sugars.

With our first pick-up I made up a wheat berryvegetable soup recipe. Our second pick-up led to the delicious development of a black bean soup, heavy with those sweet carrots.

Quail Hill is a very special place—and very productive. Its C.S.A. is the oldest in New York State. Farmers and volunteers work 35 acres, growing more

than 500 varieties of vegetables, herbs and flowers to supply over 250 families. The farm also sells at area farmers markets and directly to restaurants, and it donates produce to local food pantries.

Farmer, poet, and pioneer of the community farming movement, Quail Hill's Scott Chaskey oversees an advanced apprenticeship program. Over 90% of the farmers he and his team have mentored in the past six years are currently working in farming or elsewhere in the food system. That's an impressive number in our modern world where less than 2% of Americans are employed in agriculture. Founded as an agrarian society, our path has strayed toward Big Ag subsidized by our government and propelled by fossil fuel.

As a part of the Peconic Land Trust, Quail Hill offers educational programs and works to continue providing a refuge to wildlife, like the nine-spotted ladybug, eastern bluebirds and monarch butterflies.

This whole scene takes me back to my rural roots, but mainly to roots. So many root vegetables. One begins to view any food not fully encrusted in dirt, such as squash or Brussels sprouts, as quite exotic. But it's all good. What surprised me most was how well these vegetables keep in a cool, dark place like my home's foyer. This is how our ancestors survived winter in the Hamptons—deliciously.

You can read hundreds of Stacy's "Hamptons Epicure" columns on DansPapers.com. Her cookbook, co-written with Hillary Davis, is due out in 2020.

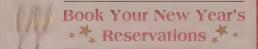








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CHRISTOPHER DENON OF TWIN FORKS MOVING & STORAGE

Twin Forks Moving & Storage owner Christopher Denon is mad for Hess Toy Trucks. The Bridgehampton businessman spent more than two decades collecting the annual Christmas toy—buying each year's release and poring over eBay in search of older models—until finally achieving a complete set going back to 1964.

"I had them as a kid, and when my kids were born in 1995, I started buying them," Denon says of the collection at his Bridgehampton office. "It was always at the office," he adds, noting that the Hess trucks were originally displayed on a series of shelves, but it became untenable as their number grew. Eventually, Denon installed a custom perimeter shelf to accommodate his treasures.

Surrounding his front office, and currently lined with Christmas lights and garland, the shelf is a timeline chronicling the history and evolution of the iconic Hess Toy Truck. A second tier shows off 23 Hess Miniature Trucks, or "Minis"—tiny scale replicas of their larger counterparts—released between 1998 and 2018.

The main shelf begins with the original, 1964–65 green and white tank trailer and winds through more than five decades of changing trends, from realistic 18-wheelers, old fashioned classics and fire trucks to more fanciful designs featuring removable jet planes, race cars, motorcycles and even a space shuttle. Most have working lights or some other action feature, like pullback motors, opening doors or extending ladders.

"They've got helicopters, they've got planes—they've got everything in the back of a Hess truck," Denon says, lighting up as he talks about his obsession. "This year they went back to the motorcycle and the dune buggy," he adds, describing the 2018 Hess RV, which holds two smaller vehicles and boasts 73 lights—the most ever on a Hess Toy Truck. The new release is already sold out online at hesstoytruck.com, and Denon says it's very difficult to find them for sale anywhere else since Hess was acquired by Speedway and closed their stations in 2015.

"There are a few Hess stations that are still around; mom and pops that couldn't be purchased by Speedway," Denon says. "Other than that, you've got to buy them online."

Of course buying online is de rigueur for serious collectors. Without eBay, Denon's collection would have required much more legwork to complete. While he fondly remembers Hess Toy Trucks from his childhood, they were long gone by the time he started collecting as an adult. "I bought them all back



DENON HAS AN EXPANSIVE COLLECTION OF HESS TRUCKS

on eBay," he says, "in reverse," from 1994 back to the beginning. Each truck cost Denon between \$75 and \$150 in its original box.

"In 1964 I was five years old," he points out, explaining that the first Hess Toy Truck came with a red funnel kids could use to fill the gas trailer with water. That original model, dated 1964–65, and The Hess Voyager—a red, black and white tanker ship released the following year—were the last, Holy Grail pieces in Denon's collection. He finally pulled the trigger and acquired each for the low price of \$800.

Though he paid a hefty sum, Denon says it was actually a rare bargain. "The boat that sold for \$1.69 [in 1966]—they're selling for 28-hundred bucks on eBay," he says. Besides, he had every other Hess Toy Truck in the line. How could he not complete the set? "That's the thing that made me go forward with it," Denon continues.

"They were great toys, man," he says, adding later, "But I'm running out of shelf space."

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Todd Mevill Re-examines "Modern Americana" After 10 Years

Levery once in a while, a book hits shelves that defines an era, a movement or generation and presents a general paradigm shift that changes everything moving forward. On a microcosmic level, Southampton art and furniture dealer Todd Merrill's 2008 tome Modern Americana: Studio Furniture from High Craft to High Glam did just that for the world of 20th century studio furniture design and its most vaunted makers from 1940 to the late 1990s. The beautifully illustrated and well-researched book was the first authoritative examination of these particular designers—men who controlled their creative process and aesthetic vision from start to finish—and it resurrected many names that may have otherwise been lost to time.

An instant hit, *Modern Americana* sold out quickly, with copies soon fetching large sums in the aftermarket. Now, a decade later, Rizzoli has published a brand new 10th anniversary edition that delves deeper and expands greatly upon the original, adding 60 new pages and nearly doubling the number of featured makers. Along with updates to all the original chapters, the weighty new volume includes chapters on Women Makers and The Showrooms to further broaden its scope.

"It's like a second book," Merrill says, noting that the additional content fills holes from the previous edition. "I never really got to the last 20 years of the 20th century." This is why women were left out 10 years ago, Merrill points out, explaining that they only came of age and began popping up in galleries during the late 1970s and 1980s. "They weren't encouraged in the '40s and '50s to make," he says. "Their stuff was not in the



AUTHOR AND GALLERIST TODD MERRILL

secondary market." It came to auction houses later.

The new chapter about female makers, written by *New York Times* writer Eve Kahn, looks at the women's studio furniture movement, covering a dozen artisans working from the late 1970s to 2000. Profiles of women such as Judy Kensley McKie, Wendy Maruyama, Kristina Madsen, Bertha Schaefer, Willa Kim, Joyce Anderson, Erica Wilson, Mira Nakashima and Roseanne Somerson, among others, are featured alongside photographs of their inspired creations.

"I'm unbelievably happy to have it in the book," Merrill says of the Women Makers chapter. "It's such an integral part of the story." The Showrooms section, written by Roberta Maneker and loaded with images and advertising from the period, chronicles what Merrill calls a "lost era" of department store furniture and their elaborately designed displays. "It was very theatrical, creative," he says. "Understanding the marketing and sales of furniture in the 20th century is important to understanding what is bespoke, craft or manufactured."

Just as the first edition of *Modern Americana* cemented the names and work of many great makers into history and launched a more academic exploration of the period, the new book should help bring its latest subjects to the fore.

"They had been forgotten," Merrill says of featured artists such as Karl Springer, a genius New York furniture maker who drew high prices during his time, but then died of AIDS in 1991. "By 2005, nobody knew who he was because nothing was written about him—now there is," Merrill says. And as one good work begets another, and another, individual makers profiled

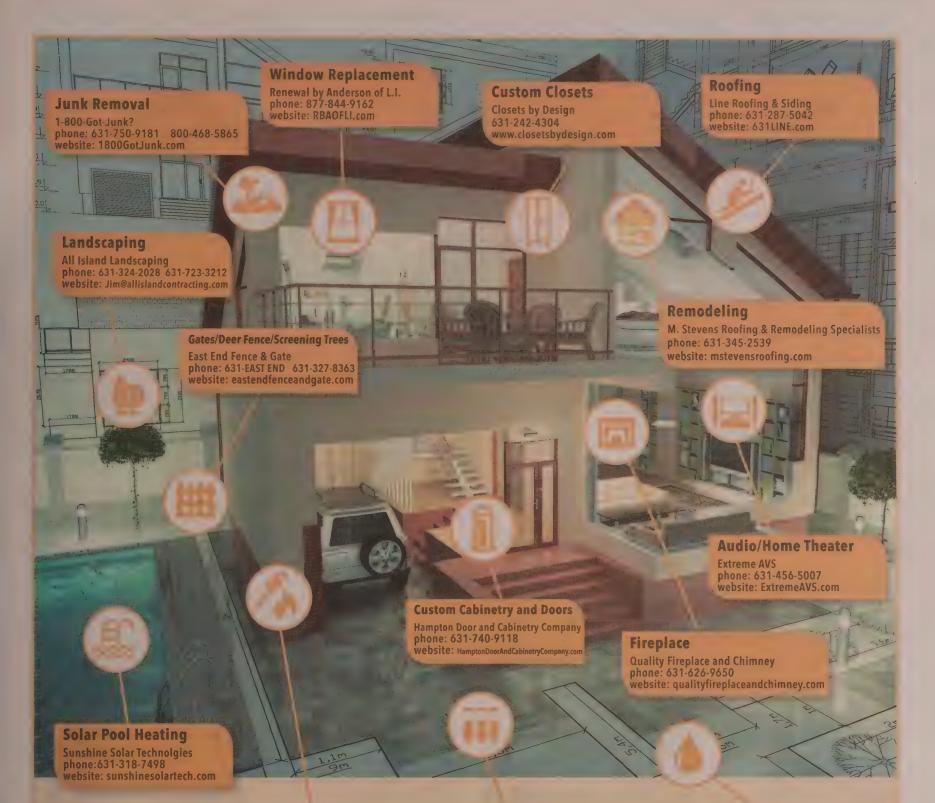
in Modern Americana have since been featured in their own books, creating a more vibrant and robust understanding of this magic moment in time.

For his part, Merrill still sells iconic vintage furniture, but he's more focused on working with talented contemporary makers—some of them world famous, and others brought up from virtual obscurity—through his Todd Merrill Studio spaces in Manhattan and Southampton. He's currently at work on a brand new book about major 21st century makers, which should be out by late 2019 or early 2020.

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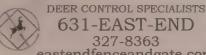
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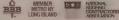
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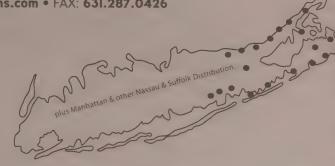
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1. \$40 MILLION 290 FURTHER LANE, EAST HAMPTON

Topping the charts was the property belonging to the widow of late Goldman Sachs partner and former Metropolitan Opera Chairman James Marcus. There are 6.1 acres of semi-oceanfront land (between the property and the ocean lies dunes owned by the Nature Conservancy) and a 10,000-square-foot house by Francis Fleetwood. Frank Newbold at Sotheby's and Ed Petrie at Compass represented the seller; Cody and Zach Vichinsky at Bespoke brought the buyer.

2. \$32 MILLION 134 MURRAY LANE, SOUTHAMPTON

Two acres of oceanfront land in the McDonnell-Murray compound. Hedge funder Leon Shaulov purchased a property with 200 feet of private beach, a pool, a tennis court and a four-bedroom, 7,200-squarefoot house, which came with the potential to build up to 13,000 additional square feet. Harald Grant at Sotheby's represented the seller.

3. \$26 MILLION 615 MONTAUK HIGHWAY, WATER MILL

Villa Maria, which spent almost 10 years on and off the market, finally sold this year in two parcels. A Mr. Cs Lim LLC purchased the house and 7.5 acres for just over \$26 million, while a Mr. 55 Halsey LLC purchased 3.5 acres for \$9.8 million. Another 3.6 acres sold for



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\$10 million to 57 Halsey Lane Associates LLC. Cody and Zach Vichinsky of Bespoke represented the listing. 4. \$24 MILLION

477 LITTLE PLAINS ROAD, SOUTHAMPTON

Four acres of land just 200 feet from the ocean sold for a very good price, considering that the '80s house was considered a teardown. Still, there were pretty gardens, an outdoor dining pavilion, pool, pool house, and tennis. The property was repped by Mary Ann Cinelli at Brown Harris Stevens.

5. \$24 MILLION 121 FURTHER LANE, EAST HAMPTON

Lasata closed in January after coming on the market in September of 2016. The main house and 7 acres of land sold for \$24 million. Along with the 8,500 square foot house, there's also a guesthouse and a pool house. The property was listed by Douglas Elliman agents Carol Nobbs and Eileen O'Neill, Susan Breitenbach of Corcoran, and Peter Turino at Brown Harris Stevens.

6. \$22.7 MILLION 719 OCEAN ROAD, BRIDGEHAMPTON

This 4.2-acre property on Sagg Pond closed for an oddly specific \$22,711,119. There are ocean views and 700 feet of pond front, along with a 1950s cottage. Linda Nasta at Corcoran represented the seller.

7. \$18.75 MILLION 86 BAY LANE, WATER MILL

After more than two years on the market, and down from an initial ask of \$30 million, this bayfront property closed. Listed by Sotheby's agent Harald Grant, there are 4.6 acres of land with a private dock on Mecox Bay, a main house designed by Robert A.M. Stern, a guest cottage, pool and tennis.

8. \$17.28 MILLION

19 CHAUNCEY CLOSE ROAD, EAST HAMPTON

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9. \$17.2 MILLION

24 WEST END AVENUE, EAST HAMPTON

One vacant parcel of 1.54 acres, formerly belonging to the Courtney Sale Ross estate Cody House, was sold in March, with Bespoke Real Estate representing the sellers. The property fronts Georgica Pond and is across from the ocean.

10. \$16.15 MILLION 289 PARSONAGE LANE, SAGAPONACK

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